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BPP TRUSTEES MOVE HIGH COURT FOR EXEMPTION TO PRAY AT DOONGERWADI

As the community is aware, 3rd September 2020 when members of the Parsi Community who have recently lost their loved family member congregate at the various Doongerwadi Pavilions to pay homage to their dear departed by conducting Farvardian nu Parab and Farokshi prayers.

This year due to the pandemic covid virus and the consequent BMC and Govt. guidelines, such a gathering where around 200 families come during the course of the day for these prayers would not be possible to be held.

At the Zoom Board meeting held on Tuesday 25th August 2020, the Trustees were discussing the administration draft of the Public Notice advising community members to refrain from coming to Doongerwadi and conducting the Farokshi prayers at the Doongerwadi, when Trustee Viraf Mehta informed his colleagues that since Jains have got three days permission for prayers in their temples from the Supreme Court of India, the BPP should also try and get a one day permission from the Bombay High Court to conduct prayers at Doongerwadi on 3rd September 2020.

His colleagues were apprehensive at first given the short time of just 8 days available to draft the Petition, move the Court and get an Order. But after discussion the Board unanimously agreed to Trustee Viraf Mehta's request and asked him to try on behalf of the Board of Trustees. That same night Trustee Viraf Mehta made inquiries with various law firms to pinpoint who was the advocate who filed the Petition on behalf of the Jains. After much deliberation, he was able to contact Advocate Prakash Shah.

The next day, Wednesday 26th August 2020, Viraf spoke to the Advocate and requested him to file a Petition seeking a one day exemption on the 3rd September 2020. Surprisingly, despite the shortage of time, Advocate Prakash Shah

was willing to help the BPP and agreed if the facts of the efficacy of the Farokshi prayers were urgently sent to him. That evening, Viraf contacted various religious scholars and priests to try and was able to send across the required information to Adv Shah.

Hats off to the Advocate Prakash Shah, for by the noon of Thursday 27th August 2020, a 224 page Petition was ready to be filed. But then another glitch cropped up. The Petition was originally prepared in name of all the five Trustees of the Bombay Parsi Punchayet and Trustee Viraf Mehta was supposed to sign on behalf of all five Trustees. But the Advocate then sought the Power Of Attorney from Viraf on behalf of the four other Trustees—Armaity Tirandaz, Noshir Dadrawalla, Xerxes Dastur and Kersi Randeria in his favor. When Viraf informed Adv Shah that such a power of attorney did not exist amongst the Trustees, the Adv Shah then advised that the Petition should be filed in his single name as a Trustee of the BPP and after amending the same, the said Petition was filed around 4 pm of Thursday 27th August 2020. To the bad luck of our community, no Court was sitting on Friday 28th August and Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th August being holidays. The Petition will be heard at 3pm on Monday 31st August when the fate of our Application will be announced by the High Court.

Under these circumstances the Trustees of BPP were forced to issue the below Public Notice in the Jame-Jamshed and Parsi Times in view of the uncertainty prevailing on the outcome of the Petition pending in the High Court.

A big **Thank You** to Advocate Prakash Shah and his team from the entire Parsi/Irani community for their expeditious and painstaking effort to help the Parsi Community at a moment's notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR FAROKSHI PRAYERS ON 3RD SEPTEMBER 2020

DUE TO THE PANDEMIC COVID 19, AND AS PER THE BMC GUIDELINES, THE TRUSTEES OF THE BOMBAY PARSI PUNCHAYET HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THIS YEAR THE **FAROKSHI PRAYERS ON MAH FARVARDIN ROJ FARVARDIN** SHOULD NOT BE CONDUCTED AT THE VARIOUS PAVILIONS AT DOONGARWADI, BUT AT THE RESPECTIVE ATASH BEHRAMS AND AGIARIES

However keeping in mind the religious sentiments of paying homage to their dear departed family members at Doongerwadi, the Trustees have filed on Thursday 27th August 2020 an urgent Petition before the High Court for Special Exemption for the Farvardin prayers to be allowed on 3rd September 2020 just as the Jains got PARYUSHAN prayers for two special days from the Supreme Court of India.

It is likely that the Petition may be heard on Monday 31st August or Tuesday 1st September 2020 and Orders allowing or rejecting our Petition may be passed on that day.

Hence subject to the Outcome of the Petition, the Trustees may allow the Farokshi prayers at Doongerwadi but if the Petition fails than the community members will be requested to refrain from coming to the Doongerwadi for the Farokshi prayers.

The Trustees request the community members to await the outcome of the Petition when a final decision will be taken. However the community in the meantime can make arrangements with their respective Agiaries and their Panthakies to avail of either outcome and to be prepared for both eventualities. Further reports of the decision of the High Court will be conveyed to the community members by WhatsApp and SMS.

**FOR & ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES
OF THE BOMBAY PARSI PUNCHAYET**

WORLI PARSI CREMATORIUM CONTROVERSY

In the Parsi Junction issue No. 42 of 9th August 2020, we had published the polished and dignified reply of DINSHAW TAMBOLY, Trustee of 'PRAYER HALL SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE TRUST' to all the questions, queries and charges of Arzan Ghadially regarding the charges of Rs. 48,000/ for four days prayers including Rs. 6000/ for incidental expenses as tips to staff of the upkeep of the hall.

We had published the Rate Card of the various prayers and ceremonies conducted at the Prayer Hall, which we are repeating below:

The Prayer Hall Services and Maintenance Trust

Registration No. E - 31041 (Mumbai) dated 13.03.2015

C/o The WZO Trust Funds,
C-1, Hermes House, 3rd floor. Mama Pandurang Marg, Opera House, Mumbai 400 004.
Tel No. 91-22-2368151; 91-22-23684452; 91-22-23684453
E-mail: prayerhalltrust@gmail.com; Website: www.prayerhalltrust.org

June 01, 2020

Prospective Parsi / Irani Zoroastrians using the Prayer Hall facility at Worli, Mumbai, through the auspices of 'The Prayer Hall Services & Maintenance Trust' are hereby informed of the maximum amounts Co-ordinator has been authorised to recover for performance of various ceremonies, for distributing to Mobeds, ancillary staff and service & material providers.

No.	Amount	Types of Ceremonies
1	6,000/=	For Geh Sarna. This ceremony will be performed only between sunrise and sunset.
2	10,000/=	For 2 / 3 Sarosh no karda that are performed after sunset.
3	11,000/=	For Uthamna performed 3rd day in the afternoon.
4	15,000/=	For early morning Uthamna and Dahm Yazad & Afarngan performed on the 4th day.
5	6,000/=	To be paid directly to the Co-ordinator towards incidental expenses that are incurred, irrespective of the days or ceremonies performed.
	48,000/=	TOTAL of columns 1 to 5

All the above charges are recovered by Mobeds for performing the ceremonies and include cost of sandalwood, loban, flowers, diva's, fruits etc.

It may be noted the facility of the Prayer Hall is provided gratis and no receipts can be given by the Trust for any of the above expenses.

#DinshawTamboly

HOWEVER, AFTER COVID DEATHS STARTED, INITIALLY NO AGIARY WOULD DO FOUR DAYS PRAYERS AS CREMATED. BUT THEN VADA DASTURJI KOTWAL GAVE HIS RULING THAT CREMATION WAS NOT OUT OF FREE WILL BUT DUE TO BMC AND GOVT. GUIDELINES AND HENCE MOST AGIARIES STARTED PERFORMING FOUR DAYS PRAYERS **EXCEPT GEH SARNA** WHICH CONTINUED TO BE DONE AT THE PRAYER HALL.

NATURALLY THE MOBEDS PERFORMING AT THE PRAYER HALL FELT CHEATED AS THEY WERE DEPRIVED OF THE FOUR DAYS CEREMONIES PAYMENT. THEY COMPLAINED TO MR. TAMBOLY THAT UNLESS ALL PRAYERS WERE DONE AT THE PRAYER HALL, THEY WOULD NOT PERFORM ONLY GEH SARNA. HENCE THE TRUST HAD NO OPTION BUT TO CONCEDE TO THE MOBEDS DEMAND THAT IF THEY DO GEH SARNA OF A COVID PERSON THEN ALL FOUR DAYS PRAYERS SHOULD BE DONE AT THE PRAYER HALL AND IF THE RELATIVES WANT TO DO ONLY GEH SARNA AT PRAYER HALL BUT OTHER FOUR DAYS PRAYERS AT THEIR AGIARY THEN THEY SHOULD PAY THE FULL COST OF RS. 42,000/ TO THE MOBEDS.

THIS IS A REASONABLE PROPOSAL OF THE PRAYER HALL MOBEDS AND HENCE AGREED BY THE TRUST. ARZAN HAS TO UNDERSTAND THE LARGER RAMIFICATIONS OF THE DEPRIVATION OF THEIR INCOME BY DASTURJI KOTWALS INTERPRETATION. THERE IS NO ACT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PANDEMIC BUT TO ENSURE FAIR WAGES TO MOBEDS PERFORMING AT THE PRAYER HALL.

IF ARZAN FINDS THEM TOO HIGH HE IS FREE TO GO TO ANY OTHER BMC CREMATORIUM. ARZAN NOW EVEN BLACKMAILS THE MOBEDS GIVING SERVICES AT DOONGERWADI ON THE SAME THREAT OF INFORMING INCOME TAX FOR NOT GIVING RECEIPTS.

ARZAN GHADIALLY IS SO SHAMELESS AND UNGRATEFUL THAT EVEN AFTER RECEIVING A FIVE PAGE CLARIFICATION FROM MR. TAMBOLY ON EVERY QUESTION RAISED BY HIM, YET IN HIS WHATSAPP INFORMS JAMSHEDJI SALAMAT IRANI THAT "THE ENTIRE FIVE PAGE RESPONSE (OF MR. TAMBOLY) HAS BEEN A WASTE OF TIME OFFERING NO SOLUTION."

ARZAN GHADIALLY ACCUSES DINSHAW TAMBOLY AND ERVAD MIRZA AS ATTEMPTING TO MAKE MONEY FROM THE PANDEMIC. WHY DOES HE NOT READ MR. TAMBOLY'S EXPLANATION THAT DUE TO COVID, AGIARIES AND PANTHAKIES WHICH EARLIER NEVER DID FOUR DAY PRAYERS FOR CREMATED BODIES, HAVE NOW DECIDED TO DO THE FOUR DAYS PRAYERS OF COVID DEAD EXCEPT GEH SARNA WHICH IS TO BE DONE ONLY AT PRAYER HALL AND HENCE PRAYER HALL MOBEDS ARE DEPRIVED OF INCOME OF FOUR DAYS PRAYERS.

IN VIEW OF OUR EXPOSURE OF THE ACTUAL EXPENSES INVOLVED FOR FOUR DAY PRAYERS, WE FEEL THAT ARZAN GHADIALLY OWES AN APOLOGY TO DINSHAW TAMBOLY FOR THE NEEDLESS ACCUSATIONS MADE BY HIM THAT THE CLARIFICATION WAS A WASTE OF TIME OFFERING NO SOLUTION.

INSTEAD HE NOW THREATENS THE TRUSTEES OF BOTH PRAYER HALL TRUST AS WELL AS BPP TO ISSUE AN OFFICIAL RECEIPT FOR CASH TRANSACTION OF 50,000/ TO 70,000/ OR HE WILL SNITCH TO THE INCOME TAX AND CHARITY COMMISSIONER AUTHORITIES ABOUT THE CASH COLLECTION.

INSTEAD OF THREATENING MR. TAMBOLY AND BPP TRUSTEES OF INCOME TAX RAIDS, HE SHOULD SET UP HIS OWN PRAYER HALL AND GIVE IT FREE TO ALL AND SUNDRY.

However Arzan Ghadi ally carried on his tirade against both Dinshaw Tamboly and Ervad Faramroze Mirza by having his charges and accusations continue to be published in his mentor's paper 'Parsi Times'. In reply to the same Ervad Faramroze Mirza gave his clarification to be published in Parsi Times but the Editor informed Ervad Mirza that his retort will be published only if allowed by the Owner, Kersi Randeria.

As expected his reply was not published in the Parsi Times of Saturday 29th August and hence Ervad Mirza has forwarded his reply to us to be published in Parsi Junction issue of Sunday 30th August which we do below:

"Personal views

From: Framroze Mirza
Sender: fsmirza@rediffmail.com
Date: Today 29-8-2020 10:07

From: "Framroze Mirza"<fsmirza@rediffmail.com>
Sent: Fri, 28 Aug 2020 13:35:29 GMT+0530
To: "editor"<editor@parsi-times.com>
Subject: Personal views

I am writing my personal views on emails and press reports given by Arzan Ghadi ally that have been recently circulated in your paper.

Activists and Activism should be on specific issues and not aligned with individuals. That is not activism but self aggrandizement, in other words favouring one's mentor in unauthentic manner and self publicity.

Self aggrandizement is nothing but EGO and undertaken to influence or to draw attention to one's own importance by trying to destroy the true value of an institution and its help to society who are in need of such facilities at the time of crises.

The activists who have taken Services of me and the institution with which I am connected from last 5 years from it's inception are now criticizing both, this reflects the attitude of the activists.

This controversy has brought out another interesting turn in the thinking of priests who were against cremation on the grounds of religion and instigated BPP to ban me from Doongerwadi & Fire temples as I was praying for the cremated Zoroastrian deceased, but now on the excuse of Pandemic they are themselves performing first 4 days prayers excluding paidast just to earn more money on the pretext that in unusual circumstances this is permissible in the religion.

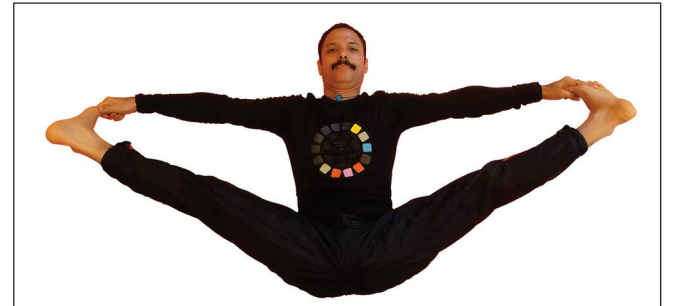
Can they show any such permission granted in any of the Avestan religious manuscripts or is it only an excuse to earn more money by remaining white collar, but thereby depriving us mobeds of our fees and legal expenses even after doing Geh Sarna.

Before pointing out one finger to others remember other four are pointed to yourself.

Ervad Framroze Sohrabji Mirza

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DR. MICKEY MEHTA'S "FITNESS SUPERFINE AT 59"



With a physiology of 21, biology of 31 and anatomy of an athlete.

The pioneering holistic health wizard continues to spearhead an evolution that threatens to upstage all the fitness fundas he once popularised in a meteoric career spanning four decades.

This is the journey of a legend from humble beginnings at the infamous Grant Road suburb in Mumbai to a career as the first fitness guru of India. The author, a philosopher, an institution, the brand, the dream life coach, the legendary.... Dr. Mickey Mehta completes 50 years of yoga.

Dr. Mickey Mehta holds distinct titles, he is referred to as the global leading holistic health guru, pioneer of equipment free training in India, world record holder in teaching swimming in 24 hours, first to introduce wellness to TV & radio in India, king of social media in wellness, only Asian to be listed on Wikipedia in holistic health category from India, one who has trained

known Bollywood star, politicians and Mumbai police.

Dr. Mickey Mehta conceptualised signature workouts – Go Green YO HI workouts to make exercising a celebration and not a chore. His aim was to take one on the path of self-discovery...to transform and transcend. The go green philosophy is equipment free and environment friendly with zero carbon footprints. Its main principle is to conserve our breathe and preserve our body.

Every year Mickey gives back to the society through a discount on memberships which is equal to his age.

Dr. Mickey Mehta congratulates Fit India Movement on their first anniversary which is on 29th August, he has been an ardent supporter of the movement since the beginning.

Dr. Mehta's sends out daily wellness and philosophy - Get Mickeymized quotes to lakhs of followers since the last seven years, he is the only wellness icon to do so...

His Vision is Connecting with 7 billion hearts to make wellness the religion no. 1 with a mission to have a disease free world.

Mickey has always strived to start a wellness revolution for human evolution though his various wellbeing initiatives. Dr. Mickey Mehta says sleep every night with a wish to heal yourself and wake up every morning with a promise to heal the world.

An honorary double doctorate in Holistic Health and Life Sciences, from the Open International University for Complementary Medicines.

He has interwoven Zen, Tao, Tantra, Ved, Greek and many more philosophies to develop holistic health systems to self-heal, transform and transcend. His healing focusses on mingling with the five elements and skilfully balancing them.

Dr. Mickey Mehta for his contributions has been recognised by various forums and awarded the Health and Wellness Icon Award

of India by Economic Times and is among the '100 Most Impactful Wellness Leaders of the World' announced at the Global Wellness Conclave 2018. He was also recognised by the Rotary Club of India in its centenary year for his highest contribution in the field of Health & Wellness. Also, recipient of the 'Fit & Fab' Global Spa award 2019 as the Pioneer of Holistic Health & Wellness in India. At the centenary celebration of the Yoga Institute of Santacruz, Dr. Mickey was felicitated for his contribution to the field of Yoga.

As an orator he has spoken globally at various forums on mindfulness, healing, immunity, wellness and much more... at Harvard University, IIMs, IIT and other coveted universities. He was the keynote speaker at the inaugural Speaking Tree (TOI) spiritual retreat in Cambodia. He has been invited to many medical conferences and high-profile literary festivals including the Times Litfest 2018. He has also held holistic health workshops in the USA, Oman, Thailand, Hong Kong, UAE, Turkey and Sri Lanka.

In association with Maharashtra Prison Development, Dr. Mickey Mehta has

conducted the HEAL-THY Prison programme, which provided a transformative guide to living for inmates at Arthur Road Jail. Has also conducted comprehensive programs for the Maharashtra State police academy, Nashik. He also conducted a yoga and spirituality workshop for the 80th session of the Policy Commission for the World Custom Organisation at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel.

Ever since the first International Yoga Day in 2015, Dr. Mickey Mehta has partnered with Shaina NC and Times of India with a regular monthly event called 'Yoga by the Bay', through which around 350,000 people have been initiated into the world of wellness.

As an author Mickey's content has enlightened masses through his superlative knowledge on wellness through his books 'The Shoonyam Quotient' / 'Swasth Rahe Mast Rahe' and "Lose weight gain shape" which blends ancient wisdom with modern science to give a better understanding of the process of transformation.

Dr Mickey Mehta's long career is fuelled by passion for promoting health and happiness.

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Awarded as one of the World's Top 100 Impactful Wellness Leaders at the World Wellness Congress.

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PARSI JUNCTION WISHES HIM MORE LAURELS AND KUDOS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

BPP MOVES HIGH COURT TO EXTEND DATE OF ELECTIONS

The community is aware that BPP Trustee, ZARIR MUNCHERSHAW BHATHENA unfortunately expired on 24th June 2020 after a prolonged and valiant fight against the debilitating illness.

As per Clause 16 of the High Court sanctioned Scheme of Elections, requires the Trustees to hold elections to fill the vacancy caused by the sad demise of Zarir Bhathena not less than 28 days and not more than three months from the date when such vacancy occurred. **Accordingly the elections have to be held between 22nd July 2020 and 23rd September 2020.**

However in view of the Covid- 19 pandemic and the BMC as well as Govt. guidelines against large gatherings, holding election before 23rd September 2020 would not be feasible as election would entail several activities involving the community, such as campaigning, visiting Parsi residential colonies, holding meetings in closed halls with the voters, interacting with voters, and large number of voters congregating at the election centres on the day of the election, etc. Moreover, many voters are of advanced

age i.e. 60 years and above and even as per the unlockdown guidelines of the State Government, there are restrictions for them on going outside their residences/ travelling etc. Accordingly, these voters would not be able to attend the election booths, which may be at a distance from their residences.

As per the said Election Scheme, if the trustees are desirous of seeking extension for holding the election after 23rd September, 2020, the Trustees would have to apply to a Chamber Judge of the Hon'ble Bombay High Court after giving four clear days' notice in writing of such application to the Charity Commissioner for sanctioning such extension of time under clause 16 of the said Scheme.

Since the Trustees do not desire to hold the elections latest by 23rd September 2020, it is therefore necessary that an application should be made to the Judge in chambers of the Hon'ble Bombay Court seeking extension for holding the election.

The Trustees have appointed the law firm of M/s Mulla and Mulla through their partner Mr.

Dandiwalla to prepare such an Application for extension of time by at least six months from 23rd September 2020 i. e. elections to be held now by 23rd March 2020 or such other date as the High Court may deem fit in this regard.

A draft of such application prepared by the said advocates has been approved by the board of trustees and Resolution to move the High Court for extension of election date by six months has been unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees at one of its Zoom meetings.

However in view of the raging pandemic whose victims keep on increasing every day, latest increase was of over 77,000 numbers infected in one day, it is unlikely that the scourge of the covid virus will decrease by 23rd March 2020 unless a vaccine is discovered before that.

Hence though the intentions of the Trustees may be noble and honorable, whether the extension of six months will allow elections to be held by 23rd March 2020, only time will show.

THE COMMUNITY DESERVES TO KNOW THE TRUTH MORE LIES FROM KERSI RANDERIA, OWNER OF PARSI TIMES

FROM PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA



The Editor,
Parsi Junction.

Phiroze Amroliwalla

I am addressing to you my response to Randeria's write-up "The Community deserves to know the Truth" in the Parsi Times of Saturday dated August 29, 2020, as going by past experience that PT will not have the courage to print against its Owner.

Randeria, I am willfully not addressing you with a salutation as you deserve none. You and your papers, both Parsi Times, which you own and Jame-Jamshed, which you control, are to blame for the publication of "Parsi Junction" for what you call a "pamphlet" today and a "rag" of yellow journalism in the past.

Had you truly and sincerely subscribed to the masthead of your "Parsi Times": "The Truth. Delivered Weekly.", there may not have been any need for the "pamphlet". By denying members of our community freedom of speech and expression by controlling the two Parsi weeklies, and not publishing and airing their views wherever and whenever they differ with yours, and especially on BPP related matters, where there exists a direct Conflict of Interest as at present you are a Trustee, the "Parsi Junction" has helped fill that void.

Whereas you abuse the Right to Freedom of Speech and Expression guaranteed by our constitution, it is this very right and the implied limitations, the respect for which prevents me from using expletives and unparliamentary language which I would have liked to use to describe you!

Your paper only seeks flattery of the owner, who takes sole credit for any good work done by the Trustees and quickly blames others for failures. As the owner, you have made your editor into a "Laptop Editor" instead of being a "Watchdog Editor". In the issue of Parsi Times dated June 27, 2020, the editor at the instance of the owner Randeria has

carried on the front page unverified false allegations against me while brushing under the carpet the answers which the community expected to the allegations levelled by me against Randeria's misdeeds. A professional and responsible editor before printing would have had the decency to verify the concocted story and print alongside my version too! Unfortunately, since it was penned by the owner she had to reluctantly obey the Owners orders.

It is a shame that Randeria uses the PT as a tool to promote himself which is a trait the community is now well aware of. Randeria, instead of answering my allegations carried by Parsi Junction, you have deliberately kept silent by clever sidestepping the issue and have NOT CATEGORICALLY DENIED THE SAME.

Instead, you use your oft-repeated allegations of "my three flats". **Where was your integrity and your care for the poor and needy when to silence my protests against the increased service charges, you offered to bribe me to facilitate the sale of all three flats and completely waive the increased service charges at the Grand Maratha on May 24/25, 2017 in the very presence of late Zarir Bhathena and Noshir Dadrawala?**

Randeria, I have NOT EVEN ONCE ATTACKED YOUR MOTHER nor would I even dream of doing so. I come from a background where we have been taught to respect elders!

I have questioned YOU as a TRUSTEE of the BPP. Was it MORALLY AND ETHICALLY CORRECT ON YOUR PART TO SKILLFULLY FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF YOUR KAKA'S FLAT TO YOUR MOTHER AFTER YOUR KAKA'S DEMISE WHEN SHE DOES NOT LIVE THERE AT PRESENT, AND THEN TO INCLUDE THE NAME OF YOUR NEPHEW WHO TOO LIVES WITH THE MOTHER AT GODREJ BAUG while you insist on others to take their parents along, and then come up with trumped-up charges of keeping flats locked

when you and your family do the same? RANDERIA SHAMEFUL!

As a son, you have rightly defended your mother as having lived there for a number of years. Most residents whom you coerce to vacate have been living in similar circumstances. Probably you also in your early years may also have been residing there. But thanks to your connection with Godrej you have prospered and become a multi millionaire and bought a large palatial flat for yourself at Dadar Parsi Colony. **Then as a good son is it not your duty to move your mother in her twilight years to the comfort of your large flat with lift facilities so that your kaka's flat can be allotted to a poor deserving Parsi. But as a trustee are you morally AND ETHICALLY right in transferring a locked flat to your mothers name and adding your nephews name too?? But morals and ethics obviously are unknown to you!**

You have NOT DENIED MY ALLEGATIONS and have conveniently brushed them under the carpet. To divert public attention and despite being fully aware of all the facts you repeatedly drum up the issue of my 3 flats and our staying in Canada as if you and the community do not know this. It is because you have NO DEFENCE for the allegations I have leveled against you. This is your now well-known strategy.

The Amroliwallas are not that fortunate to have a large flat like yours and have therefore had to share for 35 years the second flat of 500 sft. with my aunts (my mother's spinster sisters) as they are not just family but immediate neighbours too and we were seven members residing in the two flats before my elder son expired and the younger moved to Toronto for work. All the three flats are legally mine. As for my in-laws flat, it was you who had offered to facilitate the sale on 50:50 basis to bribe me from withdrawing my protests on the steep increase in service charges! You were the one who shared with me the information that this was recorded in the minutes of the meeting of August 20, 2013 by the earlier board. This was on that Sunday afternoon at Farmer Bros. now Café

Coffee Day at Khordad Circle Dadar in early 2017 when the protest had started.

As far as Non-payment of legal dues, check your facts: Several cheques including the last ones on June 15, 2020, from me and my family are lying in the Office of the BPP and have not been encashed yet.

Randeria, it is very evident that through your control over the weekly Parsi Media you patronize columnists and influencers to gain their support with an ultimate eye on the vote bank and the Chairmanship of the BPP in your second term. That is why it

bugs you no end that during the unfortunate sickness of Chairman Mr Yazdi Desai, Ms Armaity Tirandaz is the acting Chairperson and knowing you and how schemingly you operate, you are doing your best to show her in poor light by creating obstacles and hurdles for the Board. Since it is now your turn to receive what you have been dishing out to others you just can't accept it.

You are lucky that the Chairman Yazdi Desai has suffered a stroke and unable to function as a Trustee. Else by now he would have carried out his threat to file Application for your removal u/s 41D before the Charity Commissioner as well as Contempt of Court

for disobeying the Consent Terms signed by you in the High Court.

Randeria, I am not done. Let me make it amply clear that I will not rest come what may. Go do your worst! Start another paper for all I care but if you have the guts and courage to face the reality then PRINT IN ALL YOUR PAPERS ALL THAT I HAVE SAID AND WRITTEN ABOUT YOU IN ALL THE DETAILS ALONGWITH YOUR ANSWERS IF YOU HAVE ANY AND WITHOUT EDITING. I CHALLENGE YOU, RANDERIA!

Phiroze Amroliwalla

KHUSHRU ZAIWALLA REPLIES TO PARSI JUNCTION

IN THE PARSI JUNCTION ISSUE OF 23-8-2020, WE HAD PUBLISHED HIS REPLY TO BMC REGARDING THE PARSI GATE SHIFTING DENIGRATING THE BPP TRUSTEES AS NOT BEING COMPETENT TO REPLY TO BMC AND OUR COMMENTS TO THE SAME .

Taking umbrage to our comments, Mr. Zaiwalla tries to justify his comments by bringing a perceived threat to Doongerwadi and our Baugs. His reply is posted below:

“A reply to Parsi Junction.

The Learned Editor of Parsi Junction is under a wrong belief, that the Trustees of BPP, is an authority of the state, because they have been consulted by BMC , in matter of demolition of Parsi Gate, and their opinion is sought in matter of adoption laws etc.

If the BPP claims that it is authority which can issue fatwas , which is already rejected by the Bombay High Court in 2011 in the Renegade Priest case , then in any event, the primary duty of the BPP Trustees, is to protect the Right to faith and belief as guaranteed by Constitution of India, and not coordinate with the BMC , to demolish the Parsi Gate and allow the demolition of this Heritage site, without a demur , as they have done, in breach of their duties , then it is indeed unfortunate. As Trustees of the "Apex Body", If such an easy surrender continues , for whatever alibis, then tomorrow the same Trustees will surrender the Doongerwadi estate too, which regularly comes under threat and the fate of Parsi Residential Baugs will be no better.

It is indeed a blessing, that the then Government of India, in the year 1859, abrogated all Ecclesiastical Powers of the BPP, and vested the same in the Judiciary.

Khushru Zaiwala”

Whilst we have the highest respect and regard for Khushru Zaiwalla, we do not subscribe to his views of the Bombay Parsi Punchayet and regret that he has completely misunderstood our write up to his original letter to the BMC.

We have never claimed that BPP or its Trustees are an authority of the State. Our contention is that BPP is the apex Trust of the Parsi community whose Trustees are elected by the whole Parsi community of the world and as such represent the will of the community in general. This is recognized even by the Central and State Govts. who consult the Trustees on all issues affecting the community. Just because the Trustees did not subscribe to three or four Parsis of contrary views does not decrease their importance.

We have never claimed that Trustees can issue fatwas nor do they have any Ecclesiastical powers which vests in the High Priests of our community.

Yes Mr. Zaiwalla is right that the Trustees should protect the Right to Faith and Belief as guaranteed by the Constitution of India. But what has that got to do with Parsi Gate which is not an Agiary or Atashbehrum or even a Dadgah. For the last over 70 years we have been praying in front of the fire in our room so does that mean that we cannot demolish that room or

change or shift the furniture forever of that room. Parsi Gate land and the structure itself belongs to the BMC AND WE HAVE NO PROPRIETARY RIGHT OVER IT TO OBJECT TO ITS SHIFTING FOR THE GREATER GOOD.

Besides Mr. Zaiwalla is mistaken that the Parsi Gate is a Heritage structure or even a Heitage site. On inquiry with the BMC Architects we have been informed that Parsi Gate is not a Heritage structure or site but the whole Marine Drive waterfront is a Heritage Precinct and any structure can be shifted anywhere within the Precinct.

What surrender is Mr. Zaiwalla talking about? 99% of Parsis are least bothered about its shifting so long as the worshippers get ready access to the sea by providing steps thereto. Comparing this with Doongerwadi is unfortunate as Doongerwadi is freehold land bought for valuable consideration by Parsis of yore and belongs exclusively to the BPP as do the various Baugs. In fact the Collector has tried to take over lease hold properties of Rustom Baug as also Parsi Lying in Hospital for which the Trustees have moved the Courts and obtained a Stay on its acquisition. But the Parsi Gate or the land on which it stands does not belong to Parsis but to BMC and hence options open to the BPP are limited.

Let those who feel offended by its shifting move the Courts if they are convinced we have a reasonable case to object but not blame the Trustees if they are convinced that there is nothing holy or sacrosanct if it is shifted.

It's Now or Never

As far as I know
Most religions
Have some kind
Of rules
Fortunately for
"Zoroastrians"
We have no rules

The only difference
Between rioters
Who blocked streets
Day and out
To get the message out
I do it from my computer
With all the baggage without

What audacity do
Some of you have
Detering women
Married outside
The religion to
Enter our fire temples
I am pretty sure they
They have more brains
Are more pure
In thoughts words deeds
Than some of you combined.

Break the Rules
And you will see
Zoroastrian will be
Rid of Racism Discrimination
Also Bigotry
And happier we will be
It will be better for
Our Zoroastrian community
(Peace and Unity)
As well for all humanity

Take the 1st step
As Democracy was
Not achieved in day
It took human sacrifice
Blood sweat tears
As we are enjoying
The fruits of their
Labour today

Do not be shy
Give it a try
Don't fear
What people say
Have the guts
As well the spine
"Cause I can almost hear
Asho Zarathushtra say:
"I did it my way!"

PS: The title of this poem is from the title
song of Elvis Presley

Choicest Happiness
Farida
Feedback please

Power of a Woman

It seems society
Is male dominated
Even in the sphere
Of Religion
Whether it Muslim
Sikh Hindu Buddhist
Bahai Jew or a Zoroastrian
No religion suppresses women
Or be under the thumb of a male
They have the freedom to
Practice as well Preach
But apparently it has
Been Hijacked by the
Bigoted Male domain
Who have no monopoly
Over wisdom

Do not let them
Fence us in
Or put us
In "Straight jackets"
Indira Gandhi
Golda Meir

Cleopatra who
Even brought about
The downfall of
The Roman Empire
At the advice of a woman
Alexander so called "Great"
Setting fire to the Library
In Alexandria!!!

Do not underestimate
The power of woman
She can raise you high
Or bring you down
If she can survive
Labour pains
She has the strength',
Will power tenacity
To raise hell
In this male dominated society

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