STATEMENT OF MA NITHYA DAYANANDA MAYI, M.Sc.

- I am a native and resident of Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh. I hail from a respectable, highly cultured and orthodox family. I acquired a degree in Science with Physics, Chemistry and Maths as core subjects, in Hyderabad and thereafter I did my Masters' degree in Applied Electronics in Osmania University. Thereafter I studied PGDCA (Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Application) from the Osmania University. I worked as a physics teacher for 8 years in Vanitha college in Hyderabad.
- 2. Right from my childhood my inclination was towards spirituality. Sometime during the year 2004, due to my spiritual thirst I decided to join and serve Nithyananda ashram on my own free will and volition. Accordingly I joined Nithyananda ashram in the year 2004 and I started my career in the ashram as a volunteer. As a volunteer I served the ashram by dedicating myself to the ashram and became an ashramite. Since from the days of my joining the ashram till this date I have participated in almost all the spiritual programs conducted by the ashram not only in the ashram but also in and outside India.
- 3. I have worked in the Galleria department in the ashram. As a volunteer by sincere honest and dedicated service to the ashram I made a name amongst the ashramites in a short span of time and became an ashramite.
- 4. A certain lady by name Arathi came to our Ashram sometime during the year 2004 with personal problems and on being attracted by the spiritual programs conducted by the Ashram, she started visiting the Ashram quite often. Initially

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Arathi who came to our Ashram for solutions to her personal problems subsequently, when her problems got solved/improved, she got more and more attracted by the spiritual programs conducted by the Ashram. She then intended/desired to associate herself with the Ashram and accordingly, she approached the Ashram along with her husband and her parents and with the consent of her husband and her parents, she joined as a Volunteer in the Ashram.

- 5. After she became a volunteer, she started attending all the programs conducted by the Ashram. As a Volunteer, she earned the good name amongst the ashramites in a short span of time. On seeing her work and performance as a Volunteer, she was entrusted/assigned with several works in the Ashram. On joining the Ashram, as a volunteer she started residing with other junior most and senior most level Ashramites and also participated in most of the spiritual programs along with others conducted by the Ashram not only in India but also abroad.
- 6. I am witness to the fact that Arati Rao was suffering from a highly contagious and incurable STD (Sexually Transmitted Disease), Herpes-2. She has taken healing from Swamiji for this many times to reduce the pain due to the STD. She was in fact a part of a select group of ashramites doing development of techniques and kriyas for various ailments including PMS (Post Menopause Syndrome), Herpes-2 (for her help). She in fact even shared about her disease with me during this group discussion. She used to keep herself at a distance from me to avoid the saliva falling on me. She was also not allowing anyone to touch her clothes.

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- 7. Of late, she developed intimacy with a certain Dharmananda, an Ashramite and started behaving indifferently by skipping all the rules and regulations of the Ashram. She slowly started moving with the said Dharmananda in lonely/secluded places in the Ashram and started spending more time as and when she used to go out of the Ashram for one reason or the other.
- 8. I brought this fact to the notice of the fellow ashramites and subsequently this fact was brought to the notice of Swamiji who in turn advised Arati not to indulge herself in such type of activities and not to violate the discipline or rules and regulations of the ashram and further advised all of us to maintain the sanctity, decorum and dignity of the ashram and told us about the need to concentrate more on spreading the spirituality to the maximum extent possible, etc.
- 9. In spite of the advice so tendered to her by Swamiji, instead of mending her ways, she continued to behave herself in the same fashion by closely associating herself with Dharmananda and abruptly left the Ashram without even informing anyone in the ashram for the reasons best known to her.

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10. This being the case, now it is brought to my notice a tell-tale statement said to have been made by Arathi in which false, frivolous and baseless allegations are made not only against the Ashram but also against Swamji. If I am asked to say/comment about the genuineness/ correctness of the said statement, I completely deny the same as false, concocted, cooked up and a got up story, which is made only with an intention to spoil the image and the reputation of Ashram as well as of Swamiji.

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- 11. I participated in the International spiritual conference held at Salem in the month of Dec 2005. In the said conference I was entrusted with the job of preparing food for Swamiji. Myself and Ma Nithya Bhaktikananda were together taking care of Swamiji's food requirements. Myself, Ma Nithya Bhaktikananda and Arati Rao who was also a member of our team stayed in one room. Arati Rao as a Publications volunteer worked with Bhaktikananda. Many times Bhaktikananda and Arati worked little late in the night with publication and web update work.
- 12. I also participated in the Varanasi yatra during the month of Jan 2006. During the entire trip, I had the honour of preparing the food for Swamiji with the assistance of Ma Nithya Bhaktikananda (Valli Ramanathan). Arathi Rao was also a member of our team. In Varanasi, we stayed in a hotel as a whole group. I shared the room with Ma Nithya Bhaktikananda and Arati Rao. Sri Nithya Sharanagathananda was Swamiji's personal sevak who assisted him in the entire trip. He served food to Swamiji while attending to his other needs and requirements. He also stayed in Swamiji's room at night time ensuring Swamiji's security.
- 13. Further I would like to add here itself that since I accompanied Swamiji in both the places as stated supra, I can certainly say that no such untoward incident had taken place at any point of time as alleged by Arati Rao in her statement.
- 14. I am also certain that in our ashram as well as outside the ashram where programs are being conducted no female ashramite is allowed for any purpose to

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the place where Swamiji stays. As I know, the procedure and practice in our ashram is that the rooms will be allotted separately for male and female ashramites whenever we stay in the ashram. Likewise, whenever the spiritual programs are conducted outside the ashram the same practice is followed strictly. Further I am certain that no such untoward incident had taken place at Salem or Varanasi as projected by Arati in her statement.

15. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, Arathi Rao is used by certain persons who have been grinding an axe against our ashram and Swamiji to bring disrespect and Arathi Rao for reasons best known to her and which are inexplicable has readily obliged them to say something against our ashram and Swamiji.

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