

## STATEMENT OF SRI NITHYA HAMSANANDA

1. I am a native and resident of Salem, Tamil Nadu. I have one elder brother and one younger brother. I hail from a respectable, highly cultured and conservative family. I studied Diploma in Electronics in Salem and thereafter I worked in many companies as electrical supervisor including India Cement Ltd., Larsen & Toubro Ltd., etc.
2. Right from my childhood my inclination was towards spirituality. Sometime during the year 2006, due to my spiritual thirst I decided to join and serve Nithyananda ashram on my own will and volition. Accordingly I joined Nithyananda ashram in the year 2006 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 thereafter became a full-time ashramite. Since from the days of my joining the ashram till this date I have participated in many spiritual programs conducted by the ashram not only in the ashram but also at various other places in India.
3. I was volunteering in various departments in the ashram like housekeeping, security, Galleria and construction. As a volunteer by my sincere honest and dedicated service to the ashram I earned a good name amongst the ashramites in a short span of time.

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4. A certain lady by name Arathi used to volunteer at our Ashram. After she became a volunteer, she started attending all the programs conducted by the Ashram. As a Volunteer, she earned a good name amongst the ashramites in a short span of time. On seeing her work and good performance as a Volunteer, she was entrusted/assigned with several other works of the Ashram. On joining the Ashram, as a volunteer she started residing with other junior and senior level Ashramites and used to participate in most of the spiritual programs conducted by the Ashram not only in India but also abroad.
5. Of late, Arati 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 and secluded places in the Ashram and started to spend more time than needed as and when she used to go out of the Ashram in connection with some work or the other .
6. 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 any of the rules and regulations of the ashram. Swamiji also advised all of us to maintain the decorum and dignity of the ashram. He

also impressed upon all of us the need to concentrate on spreading the spirituality to the maximum extent, etc.

7. In spite of the advice so tendered to her by Swamiji, instead of mending her ways, Arati continued to behave in the same fashion by closely associating herself with Dharmananda. Arati abruptly left the Ashram without even informing anyone in the ashram for reasons best known to her.
8. This being the case, now it is brought to my notice a tell-tale statement said to have been made by Arathi making false, frivolous and baseless allegations not only against the Ashram but also against Swamiji. 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.
9. In the month of Jan 2007 I participated in the Ardh Kumbh Mela along with others. Myself and Sharananagathananda were incharge of personal security to Swamiji. During all the days no female ashramite / volunteer was allowed to the place where Swamiji stayed.
10. I also took care of Swamiji's security during Living Enlightenment program conducted in the month of August 2007. Myself, Prananda

and Atmaprabhananda took care of Swamiji and his security. We were with Swamiji in the said program all through.

11. I also participated in the Jayanti celebrations held on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007 and 2008. I was the personal security to Swamiji along with Prananda, Atmaprabhananda and Yogatmananda during these days.
12. Further I would like to add here itself that since I was the security to Swamiji, I can certainly say that no such untoward incident had taken place at any point of time as alleged by Arati in her statement.
13. 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 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 they 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 as projected by Arati in her statement.

14. The false baseless and imaginary say of Arati after a lapse of several years is a motivated one at the instance of some hidden hands who are grinding an axe against Swamiji and his ashram.

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