

**STATEMENT OF SRI NITHYESHWARANANDA, M.Com.**

1. I am a native and resident of Tiruvannamalai district, Tamil Nadu. I am the youngest son to my parents. I hail from a respectable, highly cultured and orthodox family. I studied upto B.Com. at Tiruvannamalai and thereafter I did my Masters' degree in Commerce through correspondence course in the year 2001. Immediately after completion of my postal graduation I did my ICWAI.
  
2. Right from my childhood my inclination was towards spirituality. Sometime during the year 2004, due to my spiritual hunger I decided to join and serve Nithyananda ashram on my own will and volition. Accordingly I joined Nithyananda ashram in the year 2004 and started my career in the ashram as a volunteer. As a volunteer I served the ashram by dedicating myself to the ashram. 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 premises but also in and outside India.
  
3. I am also looking after the accounts as well as travel arrangements of the ashram. As a volunteer by sincere honest and dedicated service to the ashram I earned good name amongst the ashramites in a short span of time.

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4. I participated in the spiritual program conducted by the ashram at Yercaud in February 2005. In the said spiritual program I participated not only as a volunteer but also as a travel guide. I have myself arranged the vehicles for the journey from ashram to Yercaud for the ashramites as well as Swamiji in order to participate in the said program. Right from the time we left the ashram till we came back to ashram I accompanied the Swamiji along with few seniormost level ashramites.
  
5. A certain lady by name Arathi came to our Ashram sometime during the year 2004 with many personal problems and on being attracted by the spiritual programs conducted by the Ashram, she started visiting Ashram quite often. Initially, Arathi who came to our Ashram with many personal problems subsequently when her problems got solved/improved, she got herself 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 the ashram as a Volunteer.
  
6. 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 of 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.

7. Of late, as the ashramites could make out, she developed intimacy with a certain Dharmananda, another Ashramite and started behaving indifferently by skipping 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 than needed as and when she used to go out of the Ashram for any programs conducted by the Ashram.
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 any of the rules and regulations of the ashram and further Swamiji advised all of us to maintain the decorum and dignity of the ashram and emphasized the need to concentrate on spreading the spirituality to the maximum extent, 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 any one in the ashram for reasons best known to her.

10. This being the case, it is now 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 the 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 that of Swamiji.
11. Further I would like to add here itself that since I accompanied Swamiji in the month of Feb 2005, in connection with the spiritual program at Yercaud, I can certainly say no such incident as spoken to by Arathi in her statement had taken place at any point of time at Yercaud.
12. I am certain that during the said program we never allowed any female ashramite for any reason whatsoever to the place where Swamiji stayed. As in keeping with the tradition of the ashram I know the procedure and practice in our ashram. 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. At no point of

time Arati was called to the room of Swamiji in the month of Feb 2005 at Yercaud where the spiritual program was conducted and further I am certain that no such untoward incident had taken place at Yercaud as projected by Arati in her statement.

13. Arathi who I am told is in financial distress and who is into more than one litigation in USA has submitted herself to certain vested interests to enrich herself by lugging at their instance Swamiji and our ashram into disrespect by making false, baseless statements after a lapse of nearly more than 6 years of the telltale incident. She really owes an explanation for her behavior.

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