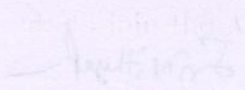


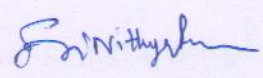
**STATEMENT OF Dr. NITHYA PRANANANDA B.D.S.,**

I am a native and resident of Erode District, Tamil Nadu. I am the only son to my parents. I hail from a very respectable, decent, highly cultured and orthodox family. I am a Dentist by profession. I have completed my B.D.S. Course in the year 2002 and after completion of the B.D.S. Course, I started practicing as a Dentist at my native place. Right from my childhood, my inclination was towards spirituality.

2. Sometime during the year 2003, I came to know that Spiritual programmes are being conducted by Swamy Nithyananda at Yercaud, Salem District, which is at a distance of about 30 km from my Village. On coming to know about the said programmes, I went to Yercaud and participated in the Spiritual programmes of Swamy Nithyananda and I was very much attracted by the speeches and preaching delivered by Swamy Nithyananda and got attracted towards spirituality and I then made up my mind to somehow join the Ashram of Swamy Nithyananda. Accordingly, I expressed my desire to my parents to join the Ashram and after obtaining the consent of my parents, I came to Swamy Nithyananda Ashram situate at Bidadi, Ramanagaram, in the month of August, 2003 and expressed my desire/willingness to join and serve the Ashram as his disciple.

3. I joined the Ashram as the junior most Ashramite and with my sincere, honest and dedicated service to the Ashram and in course of time, I grew up to senior most level of Sanyasi in the Ashram. As a senior most level Sanyasi, I was placed in-charge of looking after the personal things of Swamiji like





serving food, cleaning rooms of Swamiji, giving appointments, preparing daily schedule, preparing travel programmes, conducting tour programmes etc., accompanying him during his travel as a personal Sevak to Swamiji. As a personal Sevak, I used to accompany Swamiji to all places of his visit. I used to move very closely with him as his personal sevak. I had also accompanied him to all places of his visit not only in India but also abroad many a times.

4. Since from the date of joining the Ashram till this day, I along with the other inmates of Ashram, i.e., from Junior Level to Senior Level Ashramites, are living in the Ashram like brothers and sisters as one family in a most calm, cool and spiritual atmosphere by participating in all spiritual programmes conducted by the Ashram by dedicating ourselves to the Ashram.

5. This being the fact situation, a certain lady by name Aarathi, came to our Ashram sometime during the year 2004 with many personal problems and on being attracted by the spiritual programmes conducted by the Ashram, she started visiting Ashram quite often. 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 programmes 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 in the Ashram. After she became a volunteer, she started attending to all the programmes conducted by the Ashram. As a Volunteer, she earned a good name amongst

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the ashramites in a short span of time. On seeing her work and the performance as a Volunteer, she was entrusted/assigned with several works in the Ashram i.e more than what she was doing as a volunteer. On joining the Ashram, as a volunteer she started residing with the other junior most and senior most level Ashramites and also participated in most of the spiritual programmes along with others conducted by the Ashram not only in India but also abroad.

6. Of late, as the ashramites could make out, Arati 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 place in the Ashram. She was found spending more time with Dharmananda as and when she used to go out of the Ashram for any programmes conducted by the Ashram. Being the senior most level Ashramite, I sincerely advised her many a times not to conduct herself indifferently and also advised her not to move very closely with Dharmananda in the manner in which she was doing, as it is against the discipline and rules of the Ashram and the sanctity of the ashram needs to be maintained and her behavior would certainly bring a bad name to the Ashram as well as Swamiji and that this would also send a wrong signal/message amongst the devotees and there will be a serious impact on the Ashram etc., In spite of my sincere and honest advice, she did not mend her ways and continued to behave as before. Even the other junior most level and senior most level Ashramites had also complained against her about her

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behaviour in the Ashram. As I could not see any noticeable change in the behaviour and attitude of Aarathi, I brought this fact to the notice of Swamiji, who in turn, advised me that he would certainly take care of these issues without compromising the Rules of the Ashram. After some time, Swamiji had called all of us to assemble in the Meditation Hall of the Ashram and when we all assembled, Swamiji advised Aarathi to conduct herself well and to follow the set and adopted Rules and Regulations of the Ashram strictly without giving any room for any unwarranted events and further advised all of us to put our sincere efforts to maintain the decorum and dignity of the Ashram. He also brought to our notice that our aim shall be towards spreading spirituality to the maximum extent and certainly not to indulge in any unwarranted activities. Swamiji further advised us to maintain good discipline in the Ashram and told us that the behaviour, conduct and attitude of each and every Ashramite shall be to set an example to others and not to lower our image amongst devotees and the general public.

7. In spite of the advice so tendered to her by Swamiji, instead of mending her ways, she continued to behave in the same fashion by closely associating herself with Dharmananda and 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 Aarathi 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

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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.

9. Further, I would like to state that being a personal sevak to Swamiji since the last over 8 years, virtually being his shadow, to my knowledge, we never allowed any female Ashramite to the place where Swamiji is staying. Being the personal sevak of Swamiji, I used to accompany him to all places not only in India but also abroad. The practice in our Ashram is to allocate rooms in the Ashram for male and female Ashramites separately. Likewise, whenever the spiritual programmes are conducted outside the Ashram, we would follow the same principle strictly. At no point of time, Aarathi was called to the room of Swamiji as alleged by her in her statement, be it in the Ashram or at any other place. Further, being the personal sevak of Swamiji, I am certain that no incident as projected by Aarathi in her statement has taken place. Her statement is patently false, frivolous and baseless.

10. In the Kalpataru and padayatra in February 2009, I accompanied Swamiji throughout as I was his personal sevak. I was with him during his travel in the caravan to take care of his needs. During this tour in Seeragapadi, myself and Nithyananda Rishi (devotee from Salem) were with Swamiji in the caravan throughout. Lenin @ Dharmananda never even came to the caravan as alleged by him in his police statement. As is the norm, the whole day's events are video recorded. If the video is seen it will certainly prove that Swamiji was very much in public almost all the time, including the time of

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