

STATEMENT OF SRI NITHYA YOGANANDA, B.E.

1. I am a native and resident of Coimbatore district, Tamil Nadu. I am the youngest son to my parents. I hail from a respectable, highly cultured and orthodox family. I am an engineering graduate from the reputed Anna University (Guindy campus) and worked as Mechanical Engineer in the research and development branch of a multinational company both in India and USA (Kirloskar Copeland Ltd. India and Copeland Corporation, USA).
2. Right from my childhood my inclination was towards spirituality. Sometime during the year 2007, due to my spiritual thirst I decided to join and serve Nithyananda ashram of my own free will and volition. Accordingly I joined Nithyananda ashram in the year 2007 and I began 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 many spiritual programs conducted by the ashram not only in the ashram but also outside the ashram.
3. I am also looking after the internet and website requirements of the ashram. As a volunteer by my sincere honest and dedicated service to the ashram I earned good name amongst the ashramites within a short span of time.
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 performance as a Volunteer, she was

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entrusted/assigned with several other 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.

5. 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 even began to spend more time as and entrusted/assigned with several other works of the Ashram. On joining the when she used to go out of the Ashram for and in connection with some work or the other.
6. The questionable behavior of Arathi 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 Swamiji also advised all of us to maintain the sanctity, decorum and dignity of the ashram. He also impressed upon 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, she continued to behave in the same fashion by closely associating herself with Dharmananda. Arathi abruptly left the Ashram without even informing any one for the 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 containing false, frivolous and baseless allegations not

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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 to malign and spoil the image and the reputation of Ashram as well as of Swamiji.

9. I participated in the Kalpataru and padayatra programs conducted at various place in Tamil Nadu during the months of January and February 2009. During the program I had the privilege of accompanying Swamiji being his personal sevak along with Pranananda. Myself and Pranananda stayed in the same room with Swamiji to ensure not only his security but also for our round the clock service to him.
10. Further I would like to add here itself that since I accompanied Swamiji during the months of Jan and Feb 2009, while conducting the spiritual programs at various places in Tamil Nadu including Rajapalyam and Namakkal, I can certainly say that no such untoward incident as alleged by Arati in her statement had taken place at any point of time.
11. 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.

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Further I am certain that no such untoward incident had taken place as projected by Arati in her statement.

12. The false, baseless, concocted story of Arathi Rao to my knowledge is the handiwork of some behind the screen activities who are out to harass, humiliate, and disgrace the Swamiji and who are also out to tarnish the image of our ashram.

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