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Subject: A Request .
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Dear Mr. Dinshaw Tamboli,

Hope all is well and in good health.

I have been forwarded a recording between Mr. Jamshed Irani and Mr. Faramroz Mirza. The recording concerns the Charges for Prayer Hall. Mr. Faramroz Mirza was asked for charges to cremate. He mentioned the Hall is free and quoted a figure of Rs 48000 for a full 4 days prayer all inclusive. When he was asked if any receipt will be issued. He said no receipts will be given for any amount. He however stated there is a rate card prepared by the Trustees where the break up is provided and signed by the Trustee. He further added that receipts are not issued as the amount collected is disbursed to different people. (No such provision / exemption in IT act) He was further asked if **in case a person cannot afford to pay Rs 48000/- for the prayers and just wishes to do the Cremation. Mr Faramroz replied that they can approach the BMC directly and are not allowed to bring the body in the hall.** If the Hall is provided free why the discrimination? The Hall be allowed to be used by those who cannot afford as you advertise it is free. This needs to be clarified and should be allowed free without any preconditions as not as stated by Mr. Faramroz Mirza. The manner he spoke made me wonder if he owns the Prayer hall. I have received messages from people who have complained about his rude behavior and arrogance. I can share messages. Kindly request him to show some respect when he speaks to people who have lost a family member. I have personally witnessed his rude behavior.

A clarification from you is solicited for purpose of clarity and in line with Transparency.

1. Is the 4 days ceremony compulsory on a payment of Rs 48000?
2. Can prayers be performed by a priest not designated by the Trust?
3. If a person who cannot afford to pay Rs 48000. Will be allowed to use the Prayer hall?
4. An amount of half a lakh collected with no receipts is an offence. Do you agree?
5. Can the Trust stop cash payments and allow payments by Cheque if no receipts are issued.
6. Kindly provide breakup of the Rs 6000 charged towards incidental charges. As per Faramroz Mirza he had informed me that these have to be paid to BMC staff. If I am asked to pay Rs 6000 compulsory I have a right to know in whose pocket this Rs 6000 amount is sitting. I will personally visit the BMC and sort it out. This amount is requested to be discontinued. Let the Trust bear such cost.

I will further elaborate on Point No 4 in simple terms. As per your rate card dated June 1, 2020.(The price was conveniently hiked at a time when there is a Pandemic) It states that the Trust has authorized a Coordinator to recover for performance of various ceremonies for distributing to Mobeds, ancillary staff & Material provider. Thus technically speaking your Trust becomes the principal Employer.(BMC follows the same practice and issues a Receipt of Rs 350 towards using the Crematory) You are aware that any amount you or the Trust empowers to recover from Community members is Taxable to the receiver . An amount of Rs 48000 is being authorized by your Trust to be recovered without a receipt is against IT rules. As A result neither the Trust issues a Receipt or your Authorized Coordinator. Such cash amounts are termed as 'Black Money ' . If there are hypothetically on an average 2 cremations in a week (though there are twice as many cases) . Your authorized Coordinator is collecting Rs 1,00,000/- per week and in a month 4,00,000lakhs. In a year Rs 48,00,000/- (Rs Forty eight lakhs) . A sum of 48 lakhs by cash without a receipt is Tax free to the Coordinator Mobed. The Mobeds are fleecing the community. Since the amount involved now is huge. The prayer hall as well as at Dungenwadi must ensure that the Mobeds have to issue receipts for payments received. Some of the Mobeds are minting money in the name of religion and still live on doles and that too tax free. My issue is not against any Mobeds. My issue is receipts have to be issued for payments received. Period. THE BMC ISSUES A RECEIPT AT THE CREMATORIUM FOR A MERE RS 350 AND HERE WE HAVE THE PRAYER HALL DEMANDING RS 48000/- CASH WITHOUT RECEIPT AND ALSO MAKES IT MANDATORY THAT IF YOU CANT AFFORD Rs 48000/- YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING THE BODY IN TO THE PRAYER HALL AND TAKE IT DIRECTLY FOR CREMATION. I am repeating the exact words of Faramroz Mirza which is on record as proof on Social Media. Just for information. Mobeds too are taxable under Income Tax while the Trust is exempted. I see no harm in the Trust issuing a Receipt

Kindly request you to allow the Cremation hall free as stated without any preconditions and request a policy for Mobeds to issue receipt or accept Cheque payments 100% in line with Transparency and finally please do away with Rs 6000 collected under the guise of incidental Expenses. Let the people pay what they can afford to pay the BMC staff.

Regards

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