STATEMENT OF SRI NITHYA ATMAPRABHANANDA, B.S.

- 1. I am a native and resident of Coimbatore district, Tamil Nadu. I am the eldest son to my parents. I hail from a respectable, highly cultured and orthodox family. I have studied upto B.Sc. in Information Systems at BITS, Pilani. Thereafter I worked as an Information Technology professional for HP (Hewlett Packard) for eight years from 1999 to 2007. In 2001, I got married to Parameshwari who is a commerce graduate and we have a son by name Sri Nithyananda Sukumar who is now aged about 9 years.
- 2. Right from my childhood my inclination was towards spirituality. Sometime during the year 2005, 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 2005 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 soon 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 at many other places around India.
- hildhood my inclination was towards spirituality 3. I am also looking after the accounts as well as the administration of the ashram and personal security arrangements of Swamiji. 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.

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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 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 also participated in most of the spiritual programs along with others conducted by the Ashram not only in India but also abroad.
- 5. I am witness to the fact that Arati Rao was suffering from a highly contagious and incurable STD (Sexually Transmitted Disease), Herpes-2. She has taken healing from Swamiji for this many times to reduce the pain due to the STD. She was in fact a part of a select group of ashramites doing development of techniques and kriyas for various ailments including PMS (Post Menopause Syndrome), Herpes-2 (for her help). She in fact even shared about her disease with me during this group discussion. She used to keep herself at a distance from me to avoid the saliva falling on me. She was also not allowing anyone to touch her clothes.
- 6. 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 spending more time than needed as and when she used to go out of the Ashram.

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- 7. 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 and impressed upon all of us the need to concentrate on spreading the spirituality to the maximum extent, etc.
- 8. 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. Arati abruptly left the Ashram without even informing anyone in the ashram for the reasons best known to her.
- 9. 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 Swamji. 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.
- 10. I participated in the Living Enlightenment program which was conducted in the ashram in the months of July-August 2007. I was incharge of driving the vehicle used by Swamiji for his movements within the ashram. I was also

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incharge of personal security to Swamiji. Sri Nithya Pranananda and Sri Nithya Hamsananda were Swamiji's personal sevaks and they stayed in Swamiji's room. No woman was allowed anywhere near the place of stay of Swamiji.

- 11. I also participated in the Jayanti celebrations conducted in the ashram in December 2007. Arathi Rao was a volunteer and was staying with Ma Nithya Supriyananda and Ma Nithya Bhaktikananda. Sri Nithya Pranananda and Sri Nithya Hamsananda were personal sevaks for Swamiji. Even at that point of time I was incharge of driving the vehicle of Swamiji and also incharge of personal security to Swamiji. On 31st December 2007, after the Jayanti celebrations I drove Swamiji to his quarters along with Pranananda and Hamsananda. Pranananda stayed in Swamiji's room and myself and Hamsananda stayed outside the room. No female ashramite/volunteer had any occasion to come near the place where Swamiji stayed.
- 12. I was also part of the Kalpataru and padayatra programs conducted in the months of Jan and Feb 2009. In the said padayatra, Pranananda and Yogananda took care of Swamiji's personal seva while I was incharge of driving the vehicle. Kalpataru and padayatras were also conducted at Namakkal and we stayed in Namakkal ashram. Pranananda and Yogananda were Swamiji's sevaks, taking care of his needs while I was driving the

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vehicle of Swamiji. Sri Nithya Sarvananda, Namakkal ashram head, was incharge of Swamiji's security and he took care of Swamiji's schedule also. As in all other places, no women were allowed in Swamiji's residential area.

- 13. Further I would like to add here itself that since I accompanied Swamiji in all the above-mentioned programs, I can certainly say no such untoward incident had taken place at any point of time as alleged by Arati in her statement.
- 14. 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 incidents had taken place as projected by Arati in her statement.

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