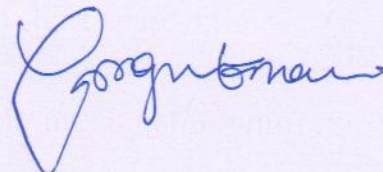


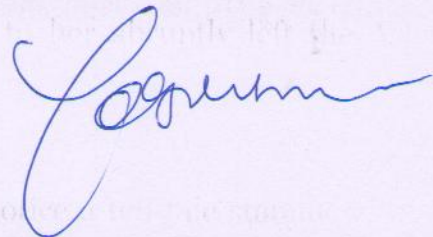
STATEMENT OF SRI NITHYA YOGATMANANDA

1. I am a native and resident of Madurai district, Tamil Nadu. I am the second son to my parents. I hail from a respectable, highly cultured and orthodox family. After I did my ITI-Electrician I worked as an Electrical supervisor in a private company.
2. Right from my childhood days 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 began 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 but also at many other places in India.
3. I am also looking after electrical maintenance, plumbing, gardening maintenance etc. As a volunteer, by my sincere honest and dedicated service to the ashram I earned a good name amongst the ashramites in a short span of time.
4. A certain lady by name Arathi came to our Ashram sometime during the year 2004 as a volunteer. She started attending to 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 dedication to 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 etc. As a volunteer, by my sincere honest and dedicated service to the ashram



senior level Ashramites and also participated in most of the spiritual programs conducted by the Ashram not only in India but also abroad.

5. Of late, Arathi developed intimacy with a certain Dharmananda, an Ashramite and began to behave indifferently by skipping all the rules and regulations of the Ashram. She slowly started moving with the said Dharmananda at lonely and secluded places in the Ashram. She went on spending more time as and when she used to go out of the Ashram for some work or the other.
6. Swamiji who got the knowledge of the wayward behavior of Arati 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 advised all of us to maintain the sanctity, decorum and dignity of the ashram. He also impressed upon all of 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, Arati continued to behave in the same fashion by closely associating herself with Dharmananda. Arati for reasons best known to her abruptly left the Ashram without even informing anyone in the ashram.
8. 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.

9. I was incharge of personal security for Swamiji in December 2008. On 31st Dec 2008, myself and Hamsananda were handling the security of Swamiji outside his room. Prananda stayed in Swamiji's room. So I can certainly say no such untoward incident had taken place at any point of time as alleged by Arati in her statement.

10. I am also certain that in our ashram as well as outside the ashram where programs are 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.

11. Arati for certain reasons which are well within her knowledge and obviously at the instance of someone who has gone to bail her out of the difficulty which she has been facing or who is out to tarnish the image of Swamiji and the ashram has chosen to come out with a wellknit story after a lapse of several years.

