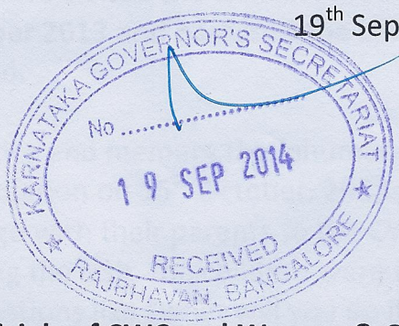
19th September, 2014



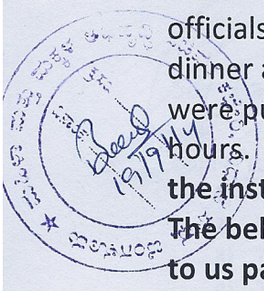
To,
The Honorable Minister
Women & Child Development
Vidhana Soudha
Government of Karnataka.

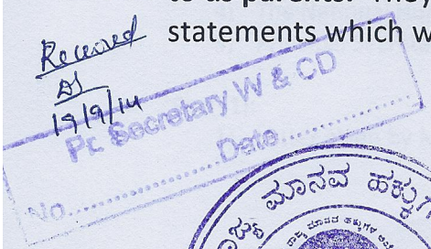
Sub: Repeated harassment by the officials of CWC and Women & Child Development Department on the Gurukul at Nithyananda Dhyanapeetam, Bidadi, Bangalore.

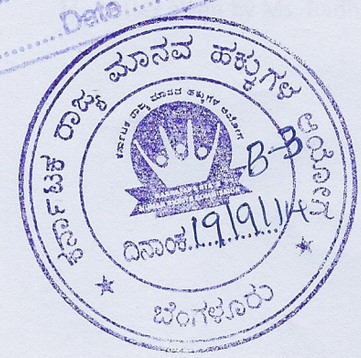
Respected Madam,

We would like to bring to your immediate attention the harassment that we, the parents and children studying at the Nithyananda Gurukul are constantly facing from the officials of Child Welfare Committee and Women & Child Development Department. They have been very frequently visiting the Gurukul premises and are harassing– at odd hours also, in violation of norms.

On 17th September, 2014, one Ms. Radha, Deputy Director Child Development Ramanagaram visited the Gurukul with 11-12 people along with DDPI Mr. Prahlad Gowda along with Police without any written orders / communication and insisted on investigating the premises and also insisted on interrogating some of the children (both boys and girls) studying and residing at the Gurukul. The officials reached the premises at around 7:00 pm when the children were having dinner and the officials left only at around 8:30 pm in the evening. The children were put under undue stress due to this interrogation by strangers at such late hours. **The officials claimed that they had come for this investigation based on the instructions from the Honorable Minister for Women & Child Development. The behavior by the officials has caused severe distress to the children and also to us parents.** They have also immediately spoken to the TV media and given statements which were broadcasted using visuals of the Gurukul children.







WE, AS PARENTS ARE ABSOLUTELY CONFIDENT ABOUT THE SAFETY & SECURITY OF OUR CHILDREN AT THE GURUKUL. WE ARE ALSO EXTREMELY HAPPY WITH THE PROGRESS THEY ARE MAKING IN THEIR INTELLECTUAL & EMOTIONAL DIMENSIONS.

Mamtha Sridhar

S. Thanuja

This has been the most recent in a series of visits they have made to the Gurukul over the past few years. **The officials have visited the Gurukul in June 2012, December 2012, June 2013, and October 2013 and harassed the children, the parents and the officials of the Gurukul.**

We would also like to bring to your notice and memory the inhumane way in which the CWC officials handled the situation on 15th October, 2013 when all the children in the Gurukul were asked to go with their parents to the CWC office in Ramanagaram for "counselling". During the visit, the children were directly instigated by the CWC team asking questions like "what will you do if the Gurukul is closed" etc. This put a lot of undue psychological pressure on the children. Many children had to be consoled and efforts were taken by us to pacify them. **The CWC officials did not take any steps to ensure the children's and parents safety** and it was clear that the CWC officials were focusing on giving TV interviews and hogging the limelight in the media. Such unprofessional and inhuman behavior by the CWC officials was tolerated by us the parents as we are law abiding and we come from highly respectable families and most of us parents hold successful career positions with multi-national and other corporates. The **CWC has not shared any report of their findings / observations neither to the Gurukul nor to the parents to date.**

We now request your kind self to immediately intervene and bring things back to order. We, the parents and children of the Gurukul place the responsibility of our safety and security with your kind self and your offices and are very confident of positive changes due to your intervention.

Sd/- Parents of the children studying at the Gurukul

Copies to:

1) Honorable Chief Minister of Karnataka
2) His Excellency, the Governor of Karnataka
3) The State Human Rights Commission
4) The National Human Rights Commission
5) Principal Secretary, Department of Women & Child Development

Encl (1):

1) Letter given by Ms. Radha, DD Child Development, Ramanagaram on 17th September, 2014.

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ಪೀಠದ ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.

ಮಾನ್ಯರೇ,

ಅಶ್ರಮಂ ನ ನಿತ್ಯಾನಂದ ಆಶ್ರಮವಿಂದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಂದಿರುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು
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Kadaa. K

Depo Ramnagar.

We are visiting to Gurukul of Nityanda Ashrama. As per the instruction of our Minister. to observe & Supervise the Childrens of Gurukul. So we come with Police dept Education dept, & District Child protection Officer & Deputy director (Women & Child development)

Your's

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17/09/2014.