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Shri Shridhar G. Kelkar
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Date: 1st June 2017

Dearest Family of Avatar Meher Baba,

Jai Meher Baba.

Meherazad desperately needs your help now.

Over the past two years a small group of people living in the Pimpalgaon-Malvi area have made it their goal to harass, vandalize and attack Meherazad property. They have been pressurizing some local and government officials in their schemes. This group has no respect for Avatar Meher Baba and what He represents.

These people are not interested in reasonable discourse, but only in their obsessive desire to hurt Meherazad. The Trustees of AMBPPCT and the caretakers of Meherazad have made every effort to meet and calmly discuss the demands which have been put forth by this group, but it has become clear that its members will not be satisfied until Meherazad and its environment are severely harmed.

The central demand of this group is to turn the Meherazad Approach Road into a public road for all trucks, tractors and cars and furthermore to provide road access to the Pimpalgaon village through the middle of or alongside Meherazad property. Legally the Approach Road is privately owned by Meherazad since it was first purchased in 1944, at Meher Baba's direction.

The purchase deed gives Road access only to those farmers whose properties border the Road—not to the general public. Unfortunately, legality has little import in this drama.

In addition to Meherazad's legal right, world-wide pilgrimage to Meherazad has always begun at the Approach Road. Meher Baba himself walked and drove up and down this Road countless times, sanctifying it with His Presence. The trees which form its welcome border were planted by the mandali at His request. If this Road becomes public, the trees and the Road itself as a point of pilgrimage will soon disappear.

The Trust has offered a number of times to build an alternative road parallel to the Approach Road a little further north. This road would serve the purpose of providing good public passage to Pimpalgaon village while preserving Meherazad's sacred Approach Road as a point of pilgrimage, as it has always been.

We ask you to write an email and a postal letter to the officials in India who have influence over the future of Meherazad. Your communication is a critical factor in preserving Meherazad as we have known it. It is imperative that the government realize the sanctity of the Meherazad Approach Road to the thousands of Baba-lovers who come here on pilgrimage. The names and addresses of the officials concerned are listed at the end of this letter. Although it is always preferable for each one to write separately, if you find there are many in your group who are unable to write you could draw up a petition with the points below and have them place their signature / thumb impressions on it.

Please include in your letter the following points in your own words so that all letters do not look like they are formatted:

The Meherazad property where Avatar Meher Baba resided from 1944 till He dropped His body on 31st January 1969, includes the Private Approach Road and Seclusion Hill known as Dhakti Tembi is a world-wide site of pilgrimage.

1. The Approach Road and the avenue of trees which surround it are an important part of pilgrimage, many times sanctified by Meher Baba's presence—on foot and by car since 1944 at the time of its purchase.
2. The Sale Deed specifies easement rights only to land owners whose lands border the Road; but is now slowly becoming a public road with

even those not living on properties abutting the Approach Road wanting an easement thru Meherazad to the village.

3. Walking down the Approach Road to Meherazad has always been an intrinsic part of one's pilgrimage.
4. The State Government has recognized Meherazad including the Approach Road as a place of worldwide pilgrimage.
5. On a number of occasions the Trust has offered to construct a road parallel and just north of our Approach Road at our own expense. This would provide those people living on the Approach Road easy access to the Pimpalgaon Village. This alternate road is identified on the village map as the Nul-Pati (which means pipeline) and was originally the route that the water pipeline traveled from Pimpalgaon Lake to Ahmednagar City. The land for this Nal-Pati was acquired by the Ahmednagar Municipality and an unpaved road was built on the pipeline. After the water supply from Pimpalgaon Lake was discontinued by the Municipality, since the past few decades, this road is not being used and some part of it has been encroached upon by the farmers abutting it. Some part of this road still exists.
6. This Nul-Pati can be converted to a road if the encroachment is removed (if necessary with compensation to the farmers who have encroached on this road), which would require the will of the central / state government and departments concerned. The Avatar Meher Baba Trust is willing to help financially in compensating the farmers and building the road.
7. This proposal secures the sanctity of the private Approach Road for pilgrims to walk to Meherazad and simultaneously offers an alternate access to the village for all farmers whose lands abut the private Approach Road as well as for the surrounding community. For the past two years they have been clamoring for access to the village through the middle or alongside of Meherazad property. To allow such access would destroy the sanctity of Meherazad, polluting it with a continual stream of vehicular traffic and deafening noise. The local community would benefit from the alternate Nul-Pati proposal and so would the world of Baba lovers who hold Meherazad so dear to their hearts."

We deeply appreciate your prompt response to our letter. This is an urgent matter concerning all of Avatar Meher Baba's family equally. We need your immediate participation within this week as the situation has reached a critical pass. The number of appeals received by officials matters so every

individual writing separately will play his or her role in the united cry for help.
Please play your role in defending Beloved Baba's Home at Meherazad.

AVATAR MEHER BABA KI JAI.

In His Love and Service,

Shridhar Kelkar
The Chairman
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Email addresses and postal addresses of the Agencies you need to send your letters:

1. **Prime Minister of India:**

Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi
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Office Fax: 91-11-23019545 / 91-11-23016857

Email: narendramodi1234@gmail.com

2. **Home Minister of India:**

Honourable Shri Rajnath Singh
Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
11, Ashok Road, New Delhi 110001. India.

Email: 17akbarroad@gmail.com

3. **Ministry of Road Transport Highways & Shipping:**

Honourable Shri Nitin Gadkari
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In front of Lal Bahadur Shastri Smarak,
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4. **Chief Minister of Maharashtra:**

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Dr. Madam Cama Road,
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5. **Governor of Maharashtra:**

Honourable Shri C. Vidyasagar Rao
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6. **District Collector Ahmednagar:**

Honourable Shri Abhay Mahajan
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Ahmednagar 414001 (M.S.) India.

Email: collector.ahmednagar@maharashtra.gov.in

7. **Joint Charity Commissioner, Pune:**

Honourable Shri Shivaji Kachare
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8. **Send a copy to AMBPPCT Trust email at:**

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