

From

The Hyderabad Church Members,

Hyderabad, India

To

The General Conference of SDA

USA

Sub: Save our Hyderabad Church property (Illegal methods adapted to sell Hyderabad church property by SAD and ECIU)

Respected Pastor/Sir,

This is to bring to the notice of all concerned that the East Central India union of SDA is entering into an unholy alliance with self-financing, an unethical and heathen builders, there by transferring the church property in to their hands.

Currently in Hyderabad where this sort of alliance is taking place, the self-financing builder finances the project and gets 45% of the built-up area as his share. Meaning if there are 100 dwelling units built, he can sell 45 dwelling units to the persons of his own choice, it can be from any religion. They will be the legal owners, with the right to worship idols and celebrate their own heathen festivals in church campus, even on Holy Sabbaths.

This unholy cause is only for the sake of making **Fast money** before their retirement. The following ECIU leaders, Pr. John Victor (President), Pr. Samuel Paul (Secretary) and Mr. Edward Pilli Prasad (Treasurer) have entered into the covert agreement with the builder (Devendra Constructions) under **the direct supervision** of Pr. M. Wilson (Secretary, Southern Asia Division). The Southern Asia Division president and treasurer have wilfully overlooked and no one from the division has corrected this misdeed.

As per the Southern Asia Division of Seventh-day Adventists, Constitution, Bylaw and Working Policies, Page# 348. Building plans and approvals, states" Prospective church sites and building plans shall be approved by the Union/Conference/Section Committee concerned and the Division Building Committee". It is further mentioned, under the sub heading **Q35 Building plans-Approval para 2 reads as follows**. "Where building cost shall exceed 10, 00,000 ULC, the project building plan has to be referred to the division building committee for its approval. Projects exceeding USD 5, 00,000 equivalents and shall be referred to the General conference for the approval to be in harmony with its policy. The above policy does not empower them to enter into an agreement.

Mr. Edward Prasad Pilli (Treasurer ECIU) has applied for the building permission with the government authorities namely GHMC (Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation) although he was not been authorised by Southern Asia Division or GC. He has obtained, a post facto approval from the division was only for residential purpose, but this unauthorized person

has applied covertly, illegally and by bribing he got approval to construct commercial cum residential complex.

Due to conversion of this property from religious to commercial, the property tax has raised from a nominal amount of approximately Rs.20 thousand to a staggering approximately Rs. 10 lakhs per annum (boosted 500 times). Now the whole church is chorusing that it is overburden to our mission.

The dangers of having a commercial complex in the church premises by self-financed builder, intends to give it to the brisk business, bar, movie theatre, dancing hall etc. This cannot be legally stopped by church authorities and more over disturbs to conduct Sabbath worships.

It may be mentioned in this connection that the SDA leaders with the connivance of their subordinate staff have already sold many church properties like the one in Cunningham road, Lowry campus, Kadapa, kodaikannal and many other small properties. Now as they have been eying on Hyderabad church since 15 years, the members of Hyderabad and its sister churches through united in prayers and protected this property with the help of God's leading hand.

This was bought by Pr. Dan Harris for the members of the SDA church in Hyderabad city for socio religious purpose. Now we find the leaders of the SAD and ECIU trying to sell and disturb the property for their financial gains. This in no way helps neither the mission nor the members of the church.

As members of the church and well-wishers of the mission we request the concerned officers to kindly conduct an enquiry against SAD and ECIU leaders and stop this commercial activity in church campus and punish the leaders who are guilty before further damage takes place. Failing which, we the members will go to any extent to save this property being disturbed by our leaders.

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