

APPEAL

To POSTPONE the 13th Sabbath Offering for the SUD:

As faithful Adventist laypersons and workers who are Indian citizens, Indian expatriots, and church devotees, we seek the support of church members and all levels of church administration who are aware of serious shortcomings in the Southern Asia Division.

Our goal is to achieve change by impacting mismanagement at every level and insisting on accountability. We are in full support of the church's real mission--proclaiming the gospel to the world. This petition to postpone the 13th Sabbath Offering to the Southern Asia Division until issues are rectified reflects our clear understanding that an influx of funds at this time would only increase the issues of corruption listed on page 2.

PURPOSE:

- 1) To highlight the dangers facing the SDA Church in India vis-a-vis the corruption and mismanagement that mark the different levels of its administration.
- 2) To make the members and leadership aware that this is a serious state of affairs because powerful agencies, including those with governmental authority, are closely monitoring the activities of the church and its leaders.
- 3) To encourage the leadership of the church (GC and SUD) to implement remedial measures asap so as to avoid catastrophic events that appear to loom on the horizon. One such measure suggested is to postpone the 13th Sabbath Offering to projects in the SUD until critical issues are sorted out and settled.

LONG-TERM AIMS:

- To increase trust in the Seventh-day Adventist Organization
- To ensure accountability, oversight procedures, legality, and financial compliance
- To achieve fair treatment for workers

WHAT CAN I DO?

- 1) **SEND THIS APPEAL to:**
 - General Conference President Elder Ted Wilson
 - Southern Asia Division Officers
 - Other church-supportive officers and members
- 2) **COMMUNICATE your support of this petition to asiasdafocus@gmail.com.**

CONTRIBUTORS: Countless church workers, officers, members, and multiple donor groups.

REPORTED ISSUES WITH 13th Sabbath Offering PROJECTS:

<u>UNION or SUD</u>	<u>Issues and Projects</u>
1-4. North India	Least-trusted Union, shady land dealings, severe nepotism, abuse cases Lucknow school has reserves for schools in UP, including Varanasi The Varanasi school is not residential, so why dormitory? Promise by Lakra? <u>Projects:</u> Church building old, Amritsar, Punjab 2nd phase school building, Roorkee Adventist College, UT Dormitory, SDA school, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh Church building, Ranchi, Jharkhand
5. SUD/W. India	Multiple financial issues with Spicer and publishing, officers absconding School is under gov't and FCRA investigation, unresolved by SUD No longer offering degrees <u>Project:</u> School building, Spicer University, Pune, Maharashtra
6. South Central	Land issues, finances, immorality, protectionism, unjust appointments Protectionism of principal by SCIU president and secretary. The school buildings are already completed, further funds not needed <u>Project:</u> 2 classrooms, SDA high school, Azam Nagar, Karnataka
7, 8. East Central	ECIU known for cheating foreign donors as assisted by SUD, SERV SDA Can't pay salaries, but loan huge funds to Flaiz college, a SUD institution Contested land sales, receives grants, no audits, spending is unverified Scandals of member abuse, Ibrahimpatnam scandals, Nuzvid cases <u>Projects:</u> a. Boys dormitory, Garmar Academy, Rajanagaram, AP Protection of Garmar Academy alleged crime by officers Many donors donating to this school, so why short of funds? Many staff are abused, operating against Adventist principles. False reporting of sexual molestation. b. Five classrooms, Flaiz Adventist College, Andhra Pradesh Received large loan from UNION, when it is a Division entity No student strength, so why classroom expansions? The presidency of Flaiz seems available for purchase Funds have been misappropriated from Khurda school
9. South Central	SCIU known for harassment of pastors, fraud, nepotism, loss of students SCIU reportedly has great funds in reserve, so why this need? Pres. D. Suresh questionably hired, boasting, amassed great funds. Not committed to Adventist doctrines or policies. Savonagar Tamil is already under investigation, so funds will be diverted <u>Projects:</u> New churches—Central Kannada & Savonagar Tamil, Karnataka
10. South East	Multiple issues with salaries/bribes, huge funds spent without approval School has no students, but there is need to build a dormitory? SEIU is draining vast funds from donors via lack of accountability, e.g. M aranatha has donated 1.5 million INR, and CFO demands additional. <u>Project:</u> Boys dormitory, E.D. Thomas Memorial, Tamil Nadu
11. South West	Unpaid salaries with reporting issues, pastor suspended for seeking integrity President apparently needs to be terminated for drugs <u>Project:</u> Labs and library, Thirumala SDA Secondary School, Kerala