

Respected sir,

I am in receipt of your notice dated 06.05.2022 (received by me on 09.05.2022). At the outset, I wish to state that I vehemently oppose each and every allegation that has been levelled against me in the said Notice. I wish to also state that the allegations in your Notice are vague, cryptic, devoid of any basis whatsoever. In addition, the Notice does not even mention the enrollment number of your goodself despite stating that your goodself is an advocate. Therefore, I have every reason to believe that the Notice suffers from serious irregularities including whether your goodself is authorized by the temple to send this legal notice.

Be that as it may, I consider it my responsibility as a dutiful citizen to address the allegations levelled against me by you in the Notice.

I wish to state that I am the founder of youtube channel, Ilaya Bharatham. On 10.10.2021, upon getting to know the information that Siruvachur temple idols were vandalized by miscreants, I organized a campaign via a third party fund raising organisation (milaap.org) to raise funds for the restoration of the vandalized idols (which includes temples under HRCE and also a private temple). Through the said campaign, an amount of Rs.33,28,924 (withdrawable funds after deduction of payment gateway charges is **Rs.32,47,651**) was raised and no part of the said funds were credited to my personal bank account. The campaign was stopped on 15.10.2022 (i.e within 5 days of initiation) and no funds were raised thereafter for the said purpose through Milaap portal. As on date, an amount of Rs.100,000 has been withdrawn from the funds raised and the same was directly transferred to the bank account of the Sthapathi who is making the idols for one of the temples (private temple). The balance amount is lying intact with Milaap and not even a single rupee has been transferred to my personal account.

In addition, despite my repeated requests to not send any money to my personal account (I specifically stated so in one of my videos) for this campaign, an amount of Rs.1,95,136 was received in my bank account which has also been duly identified and shall be used for temple restoration. This was identified by me subsequent to the close of the campaign and hence this could not be added to the amounts lying in the campaign account with Milaap. However, this will also be deployed for the reconstruction activity as stated.

Apart from the above, no funds were collected from anyone in any manner whatsoever for the temple restoration.

The funds raised for temple restoration have been earmarked for restoration of idols of ARULMIGHU PERIYASAMY, CHELLIAMMAN VAGAYRA AND SENGAMALAYAN THIRUKOIL Hills temple (which is under HRCE) and another private temple (PERIYANDAVAR TEMPLE), both of which are in Siruvachur and were vandalised by miscreants. The idol construction activities for both the temples have commenced. As regards ARULMIGHU PERIYASAMY, CHELLIAMMAN VAGAYRA AND SENGAMALAYAN THIRUKOIL Hills temple, once approval for transfer of these funds is obtained from HRCE, the same will be duly transferred directly to the account of the Sthapathi who is making these idols. The estimate given for this purpose given by AHM AGASTHIYA ARTS & CRAFTS is Rs 36,22,500. Also, the private temple has given me an estimation of Rs. 3,49,000 for construction of statues and an additional Rs 1,00,00 for their miscellaneous expenses involved during restoration and for kumbabishekam. As you can see the funds raised is Rs 34,42,787 while the estimation for restoration of the idols is Rs 40,71,500. The funds

raised is not even sufficient for the HRCE temple. The balance funds (more than Rs.6 lacs) will be borne by me.

As regards the HRCE temple, the letter of consent to HRCE for donor contribution was submitted on 29.12.2021 after the said campaign was ceased. I wish to state that after the campaign was stopped, I had discussed the modalities of carrying out the temple restoration activity in detail with the members of the Executive Officer, Thiruppani Committee and priests of temple and it was decided only thereafter, considering their specific suggestion, that HRCE approval be obtained and that the same may be done through the mode of donor contribution. Considering the fact that funds were raised under the campaign organised by me and the fact that I will also be making substantial contribution from my personal funds, I considered it my fiduciary and moral responsibility to take up this task of obtaining all necessary approvals and hence a request for approval as donor contribution was made in my name. Further, there are 2157+ donors for this campaign and it is practically impossible and not feasible to seek an approval in each of their names. Further, by making an application for donor contribution in my name, I also felt that I would be able to keep a complete trail of the funds entrusted to me and an honest and fair reporting of the use of funds can be provided to the donors. It was in this background that an application stating that I was the donor and that contribution would be made from my own funds was given by me (my own funds represents my personal funds and funds that are entrusted to me by the donors). I am running a youtube channel which is being watched by many people and I have always represented that the funds raised will be used for the temple restoration at Siruvachur. I also wish to state that the approvals were sought for from HRCE only after the fund raising campaign was stopped and I never raised even a single penny thereafter for this cause.

I wish to state that I have transparent and proper accounts for every penny that has been raised for restoration of Siruvachur temples and I am willing to produce the same before appropriate authorities, if required.

I wish to specifically place on record my strong objection to the language employed in your notice in stating that I have indulged in illegal activity by placing your trust on unconfirmed media reports of YouTube channels who are indulging in a smear campaign against me to malign me and dissuade me from taking up temple causes. I wish to state that I have always remained transparent and truthful regarding the fund raising activity and this was done with bonafide intentions. I took up the responsibility of seeking all approvals and as a true believer of Hindu culture, I have only wanted to ensure that faith of the people are restored by restoring the destroyed temples. Infact, I have only supplemented the efforts of HRCE by organising this campaign to ensure that the restoration activity is completed at the earliest. Such being the case, the allegation that has been levelled against me has been so made with an ulterior motive best known to all concerned. I am afraid that if people who are honest and who have good intentions are harassed in this manner, no body in this country or in any part of the world for that matter would submit themselves to supplement the efforts of the Government to work for the temple causes.