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Dear devotees of Bangalore Yatra,

Please accept my blessings. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I understand that there has been a personal campaign against Madhu Pandit dasa by some congregation devotees that he has embezzled temple funds for acquiring personal property. I have been informed by the temple that some of them have approached the newspaper with this and other allegations of financial misappropriation by Madhu Pandit dasa. I have known him for 18 years and I stand for his personal integrity in this matter.

Madhu Pandit dasa has been the President of the Bangalore centre for the past 14 years. His dedication and contribution to the movement is laudable. He has maintained excellent standards ethically and morally. He is an asset to our leadership in ISKCON. He is very much respected by other leaders of our society. He has contributed immensely for the growth of the movement in Karnataka. Hence it is unfair and unethical on the part of the anyone who is indulging in this personal vilification campaign.

Rumours are also afloat that temple officers have bought lands in their personal name. Let me make it clear that the Vice President and Secretary have only lent their names to purchase agricultural lands on behalf of the society by the profits of the incense business as ISKCON cannot hold land beyond a certain limit as per the Land Reforms Act of Karnataka. They have also lent their names as partners of the incense business with no personal gains from this business which is done exclusively for the benefit of the temple. The business is conducted in the name of GOLOKA since business activities in ISKCON India is usually not done under the banner of ISKCON. All this has been done in the interests of the society. Further these lands have been leased to the society by these officers of the Bangalore Branch. Thus everything is in order. It is unfortunate that some people are assigning ill motives against these officers.

No disciple has my approval or blessing for any such acts to malign the temple leaders in the name of service to guru. This is thoroughly condemned by me. I can only say that such persons are playing into the hands of Maya. If anyone has done such acts I am requesting that they do everything possible to undo it in the interests of preaching Krishna consciousness. During the last 14 years of his tenure as the President of Bangalore centre

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I have never received even one complaint of this sort.

I request everyone to maintain a mood of cooperation to continue preaching Krishna consciousness. Philosophical differences are being sorted out at higher levels. While I respect everyone's right as an individual in the matter of personal faith and convictions on the philosophical issues in ISKCON I would not appreciate anyone adopting low means of spreading falsehood about any vaishnavas.

Hope this finds you all in good health.

Your well-wisher,

Jayapataka swami

RĀSA – Purnima

