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Gurdwara Sahib _____

Sardar Ji / Sardarni Jio,

Re: (i) Unity of Malaysian Gurdwaras and Sanggat
(ii) Ek Granth, Ek Panth, Ek Rehat Maryada

The Malaysian Gurdwaras and the Sanggat have accepted and followed the SIKH REHAT MARYADA (SRM) in the GURDWARAS all this while. This had resulted in promoting and creating unity in the Sanggat through the following of common Code of Conduct and conventions which are contained in the SRM.

Since about 1999, DASAM GRANTH issue had cropped up in many overseas countries and India. This had the effect of splitting the Sanggat and in many countries abroad there were open conflicts and violence relating to the Dasam Granth issue.

RESOLUTION

At a Meeting of the Representatives of the Malaysian Gurdwaras Council, Khalsa Diwan Malaysia, Sant Sohan Singh Ji Melaka Memorial Society Malaysia, and also attended by Sikh Religious Scholars, a Resolution dated 21/05/2016 was adopted under heading "Unity of Gurdwaras And Sanggat" whereby SIKH REHAT MARYADA was unanimously endorsed to be followed by Gurdwaras. It has now been endorsed by Tatt Khalsa Diwan and Sikh Naujawan Sabha Malaysia.

This Resolution was considered by the MGC EXCO on 28/05/2016 and was unanimously approved.

This Resolution is therefore binding on all the Gurdwaras and the Gurdwaras are to follow the SRM as has been the practice in the past.

The Malaysian Gurdwaras are also required by Article 3.2 of the MGC Constitution to follow and conduct their affairs in accordance with the Sikh Rehat Maryada.

A copy of the Resolution dated 21/05/2016 and titled "Unity of Gurdwaras and Sanggat" is attached. It was approved by MGC Exco on 28/05/2016.

SIKH REHAT MARYADA

The SIKH REHAT MARYADA clearly provides the GURBANI that can be recited and the KIRTAN that can be done in a congregation (SANGGAT) which is as follows:

- i) ਨਿੱਤ ਨੇਮ ਦੀਆਂ ਬਾਣੀਆਂ (Nitnem dian banian)

Amrit Vela : JAP, JAAP and 10 Sawayyas
ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤ ਵੇਲਾ : ਜਪੁ , ਜਾਪ , ਅਤੇ ਦਸ ਸਵੱਯੇ (ਸ੍ਰਾਵਗ ਸੁਧ ਵਾਲੇ)
Evening : SODAR REHRAS
ਸੰਧਿਆ : ਸੋਦਰ ਰਹਿਰਾਸ
Night : SOHELA
ਰਾਤ : ਸੋਹਿਲਾ
- ii) In the congregation, KIRTAN only of Gurbani and the compositions of Bhai Gurdas and Bhai Nand Lal may be performed.
- iii) Katha of approved Panthik Pustaks and Historical Text can be done which promotes Gurmat.

[Note : Refer to pages 8, 9 and 15 of SRM Booklet]

The recent Press Note issued by Sri Akal Thakt Sahib dated 16/06/2016 clearly states that the Sikh Rehat Maryada is the result of the decision of the Sikh Panth and must be followed by all. Any Non-acceptance of the Sikh Rehat Maryada by anyone may make him “ਪੰਥ ਧੋਰੀ” (Against Panth).

A copy of “ਪ੍ਰੈਸ ਨੋਟ” (Press Note) dated 16/06/2016 and issued by Sri Akal Takht Sahib referred to above is also attached.

POSITION OF DASAM GRANTH

The compositions found in Dasam Granth cannot be GURBANI (GURBANI is all that is contained in Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji only).

Panth has accepted (as stated in the SRM) , JAAP , Ten Sawayyas and Benti Chaupai Patshahi Dasmī (ਹਮਰੀ ਕਰੋ ਹਾਥ ਦੇ ਰੱਛਾ ਤੋਂ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਦੁਸ਼ਟ ਦੋਖ ਤੇ ਲੇਹੁ ਬਚਾਈ ਤੱਕ)

These are also found in the Dasam Granth. This “Bani” are Nitnem Bani and can be recited in Gurdwara. However, other than these “Bani”, the position of other “Bani” in Dasam Granth is as follows:

- i) By Resolution No. 36672 passed by Shiromani Parbhandhak Committee on August,3,1973. “Chritro Pakhyan” that is inscribed in Dasam Granth has been declared as not Dasmesh Bani. It has been declared to be ancient Hindu mythology.

Note : The chritro Pakhyan (erotic composition) appears between pages 808 to 1388 of Dasam Granth, covering 581 pages and constitutes more than 1/3 of Dasam Granth.

- ii) Other than above, on the rest of Dasam Granth, the Panth has yet to make any decision. Therefore until such time that a decision is taken by Panth, no Gurdwara is at liberty to recite any of this compositions in the Gurdwara, as they have not been included in the SRM.

Note : Dasam Granth can be read in private or outside Gurdwaras, like any other Literature

- iii) Bhai Harnam Singh Dhumma (ਜਥੇਦਾਰ (Jathedar) Damdami Taksal) who had hitherto been one of the strongest supporters of Dasam Granth, has now declared that 1160 pages of Dasam Granth cannot be Guru's bani. Sikh Scholars have now stated that of the balance of 278 pages, there must be further research on 224 pages, thus leaving only 54 pages.

Note: A copy of the Press Report relating to this is attached as Appendix A.

CONCLUSION

The Gurdwaras are therefore requested to abide by the SRM which has been re-endorsed again on 16/06/2016 by Sri Akal Takht Sahib.

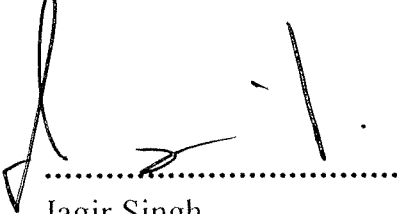
The Dasam Granth "Bani" cannot be preached or recited in a Gurdwara, other than the 3 "Banis" that is, Jaap, 10 Sawayyas and Benti Chaupai.

Sanggat is reminded that UNITY can only be maintained if all the Gurdwaras follow a single Code of Conduct that is contained in the SRM and be guided by Gurbani "Eka Bani Eka Gur Eka Shabad Bichar" (SGGS Ji Pg.646). MGC will be launching soon "Ek Granth, Ek Panth, Ek Rehat Maryada" Parchar year.

Gurdwara Committees are kindly requested to read out / inform the Sanggat of this circular letter and put it on the notice board.

Ek Granth, Ek Panth, Ek Rehat Maryada

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