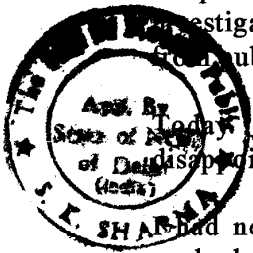




I, Captain Som Nath Gupta Son of Late Shri Bal Raj Gupta Resident of ■■■, ■■■  
■■■, New Delhi-110015 (INDIA) do solemnly state as under:-

During March, 1993, I was approached by a certain Mr. Benk and a certain Mr. Knauer of Germany. I was astonished and questioned them at the time how they got in possession of my address. Each one of them told me that they had received information from members of the Kirpal Ruhani Mission, with Darshan Singh being the spiritual leader of it, as well as from members of "Unity of Man" group in Germany that I am no longer in good terms with Sant Thakar Singh. They asked me whether I am willing to make some statements against Sant Thakar Singh in front of a video camera, in such case they would come to India for this purpose.

Just some time prior to their contacting me I had been released from the Managing Board of Thakar Kirpal Adhyatmic Kender due to misunderstandings with the managing members of the Board. I had been very angry on some managers and workers of the aforesaid society and also on Sant Thakar Singh for not interfering in my favour. So I agreed to do what they asked me to do. Mr. Knauer even arranged a press conference in Delhi. There I repeated some accusations against Sant Thakar Singh so that these could be video-taped. Only one Indian newspaper published a negative story, but later on had to apologize for it. Other journalists who were present at the press conference did some investigation with the authorities but could not confirm anything and therefore refrained from publishing these accusations.



I deeply regret my actions and the words which I said in anger and disappointment which are not the truth, and wish to go into more details below.

I had never seen that Sant Thakar Singh was misusing or beating Western people or anybody else, nor did he put anyone in chains or lock them up somewhere.

Every visitor received always honorable treatment which is a sacred tradition in India. For some time I had been the responsible Manager for the Ashram and can clearly say that the Management did its best to host the Western visitors as well as the Indian people, despite the fact that the Ashram was not designed to accommodate so many visitors.

I deny that Sant Thakar Singh ever asked anyone to sell his belongings and to hand over the money to him.

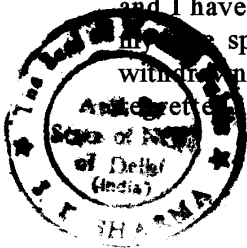
I confirm that all donations received by Sant Thakar Singh were handed over to the Management of the society named Thakar Kirpal Adhyatmic Kender which handled all expenses for the Ashram. Sant Thakar Singh was in no way involved in the financial affairs of the societies, particularly since he was travelling most of the time in India and in foreign countries, or went for meditation to the Himalayan mountains.

The school for children and the hostel belonged to the Manav Kendra Society, a division of the aforementioned society. I had been the Director of this Society. I want to clearly state that the children had been taken care of very well and did not have to work all the time. They got sufficient to eat and had been living in much better circumstances than the majority of children in Indian, although it may not be comparable to high class schools in India or with standards in the Western countries. The hostel is a normal hostel-house built by a public road, and the parents occasionally visited the children. Twice it was the case that a child wanted to go home to their parents and slipped away because the building wasn't locked up. We always immediately informed the police, but could find the children ourselves. When children did not want to remain in the school we requested the parents to take them back. The school was never in need of children, rather we had to turn down requests by so many parents to place their children in the school, because our capacity was limited.

In the beginning, when the school opened up, the teachers working in the school and in the hostel reprimanded children by giving them a light slap which is normal in India, but this happened only in some very rare cases when children were extremely naughty. But Sant Thakar Singh always requested strongly that such like methods be avoided and that only loving care is to be taken. It is not true that children had been beaten up at the school.

The story of Sadhu Singh and Mrs. Rosemarie is not true and there were no suspicious cases of death in the Ashram. This story had been told to me by Mr. Knauer and members of other groups which I repeated as my own. It had been otold that a representative of Kirpal Ruhani Mission in Germany, a journalist, registered that story with the German police when it happened some time in 1983. I myself joined Sant Thakar Singh and His Holy Mission only in 1985.

I want to state that there was some misunderstanding between me and Sant Thakar Singh which has been amicably resolved by us. Sant Thakar Singh has pardoned me and I have again joined spiritual activities under the guidance of Sant Thakar Singh as my spiritual Master and all statements made by me against him to be treated as withdrawn. Inconvenience caused to all those from my statement is very much regretted. May God, the master power bless us all.



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DEPONENT

VERIFICATION:

Verified at Delhi on this 29th day of October, 1999 that the contents of above statement are true and correct to my knowledge, no part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

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**29 OCT 1999**