

BABA MANIFESTED HIMSELF AND HELPED SHRI CHANDULAL M. MEHTA AND HIS WIFE SMT. MANUBAI RESIDING AT KADIA KAVEESWAR POLE, NEAR BALA HANUMAN HOUSE NO. 579, AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT.....

In February 1953, my wife Smt. Manubai went to Sri Sai Baba Mandir at Therkanbhuvan along with her lady friends. Her friends told her that the Almighty Baba fulfils the wishes of the devotees irrespective of caste, color or creed.

On the following Thursday, my wife went with our younger son Mukesh to the same Mandir with a coconut during the evening *Aarti*. After the *Aarti*, the temple *Pujari* distributed *Prasad* which was composed of different types of eatables. My wife received some groundnuts as *Prasad*; but she was unhappy as some others got *pedhas*. Thinking that *pedhas* were given to selected persons, she was returning home via Kaveeswar Pole Naka. On the way, an unknown person approached her with a bag in his hand saying, "Your husband has sent this *prasad*. Please keep it in your bag!" He then put the *prasad* in her bag and went away.

At that time, I was in the office. When I reached home, my wife told me about the *prasad* I sent through an unknown person. I was surprised as I knew nothing about it. We realized it was Baba's *leela* to fulfil the wishes of my wife. We became devotees of Sai after this incident.

In 1948, I performed the marriage of my elder brother Shri Naveen M. Mehta for which I borrowed Rs. 50,000/-. I was repaying the debt from my salary. Since he was not an earning member, nobody was willing to give their daughter in marriage to my elder brother and thus he was not married before me.

My wife used to solve the crossword puzzle in the Gujarati news-paper Jansatta. In April 1953, she solved the puzzle no. 6 as usual. At that time, I still had to repay a debt of Rs. 3,333/- out of the Rs. 50,000/- I had borrowed. By Baba's grace my wife won a prize of Rs. 3,333/- in the puzzle. Nothing less, nothing more! Was it not a miracle of Sri Sai Baba to relieve me from my debt?

In the Bhadrapad month of 1953, the annual *Shraddh* ceremony of my father and father-in-law came on the same day. As I had to attend the office, I could not visit my in-law's house that day. My children were at school. At about 4 p.m., a man who perfectly resembled my father-in-law visited our house with a khaki colored bag which he handed over to my wife and went away. The bag contained some raw vegetables, *udi* and Rs. 1.25/-. When I came home, my wife gave me this news. I wondered how my father-in-law who had died in 1950 in Jaipur could visit my house in Ahmedabad in 1953! Was it not the wonderful *leela* of Baba to fulfill my wishes?

In 1954, I went to Shirdi with my family intending to stay for a day and return. But owing to heavy rains, I was forced to stay for three days in Shirdi. When I returned to Ahmedabad, I had the good fortune to meet His Holiness Sai Sharan Anand, Baba's intimate devotee. I used to visit him now and then and soon became his staunch devotee. My wife gave daily *bhiksha* (alms) to the Swamiji.

In 1958, when Swamiji had gone to Mumbai, my wife went to Shirdi via Dadar by herself. At the railway station, there was a big crowd and she was not in a state to get a seat. At that time, an old man came and asked her for her *chaddar* (bed-sheet). Though she was in doubt initially, she eventually gave it to him. The old man disappeared into the crowd. After a while he returned as the train came into the station and told her to get into a particular compartment. When she obeyed, she found her *chaddar* there and the old man helped her to put in her luggage in the compartment. When she turned towards the platform to pay him, he went away without asking for anything. Wasn't it indeed a miracle of Baba to help her in her hour of need?

In 1980, between the 10th and 15th of March, a man wearing a silk shirt and *dhoti* came and handed over a packet to my wife, sometime between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. My wife asked him to wait; but he went away without saying anything. When she opened the packet, it contained four and a half railway reservation tickets from Ahmedabad to Manmad by Navjeevan Express with the names of all our family members. When I returned from the office, my wife handed them over to me. I was astonished to see them and upon inquiry at the railway station found them to be correct. I was sure that it was none other than Baba Who had given them. I asked His Holiness Sai Sharan Anandji. He advised me to proceed to Shirdi, as per Baba's wish. Accordingly we went to Shirdi utilizing the tickets up to Manmad.

Once again in 1981, between the 10th and 15th of March, a man came and threw a packet in our house between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. My father opened it and there were four and a half railway reservation tickets from Ahmedabad to Manmad as well as *udi*. We once again visited Shirdi, as per Baba's wishes, utilizing the tickets up to Manmad.

In 1982, for the third time, on 12th March, between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. a man like a rikshawala came and gave a packet to my wife and went away. When she opened it, she once again found four and a half reservation tickets from Ahmedabad to Manmad. We once again visited Shirdi by utilizing the tickets up to Manmad.

On March 15, 1983, my wife and daughter went for *Darshan* of the *Samadhi* of His Holiness Sai Sharan Anand, who had expired on 25th August, 1982. They offered *Prasad* to the *Pujari* (*sevak*) there. When he gave them *Prasad* from a white plastic jar which was there, a packet came in his hand which he handed over to my wife. When opened, it was found that there were four and a half railway reservation tickets from Ahmedabad to Manmad with the date of journey 30th April 1983. Mentioned this time, instead of my name, my son's name was on one of the tickets viz. Nitin C. Mehta. I had utilized these tickets for the past three years i.e. in 1980, 1981, and 1982. This time I decided to retain these tickets as Baba's *Prasad* and came to Shirdi on April 30th 1983 of my own accord.

The following tickets were preserved by me from March 15, 1983. Reservation tickets from Ahmedabad to Manmad by Navjeevan Express, compartment no. S13, seats from 55 to 59.

Journey to commence on 30.4.1983.

Railway	Railway	Name	Compartment
Reservation	Fare		No. S13
Ticket No.	Ticket No.		& Seat No.
1. 59083	3623	Nitin C. Mehta	55
2. 59084	3624	Manubai Mehta	56
3. 59085	3625	Vihangini Mehta	57
4. 59086	3626	Chaki@Anita Mehta	58
5. 59087	00453 child	Baba (Rachit)	59

Dear readers, please think over the sort of help beloved Baba had given in this case.

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