

Construction of Replica of Shri Sai Baba Mandir at Shirdi

Sir,

(To whomsoever it may concern)

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You are aware that the Great Saint, Sadguru Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi, left his mortal body at Shirdi in the year 1918 and the same is laid in Buti Wada, at Shirdi and over it, Samadhi is constructed which is now called Samadhi Mandir.

The Samadhi of any Saint could be at only one place, where his body was laid. The Samadhi could not be at any other place in the world. Therefore, the Samadhi of the Saint Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi could be and is at one place in the Samadhi Mandir at Shirdi, where his mortal body was laid. It could not be at any other place.

There are innumerable devotees of Shri Sai Baba all over the world and whenever it is possible, they often come for darshan of Shri Sai Baba at Shirdi. It is further observed that at various places, the devotees from the respective areas have constructed Shri Sai Baba's Mandirs and installed either Idols of Shri Sai Baba or His Photos in those Mandirs in order that they can take darshan whenever they desire and perform worship of Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi. This is highly appreciated. It has however come to our notice that at some places, replicas of Samadhi of Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi are also constructed and/or contemplated to be constructed. This is quite improper and somewhat strange and not in the fitness of the devotion to Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi, apart from the fact that it is illegal.

If the Samadhi of Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi is constructed at any other place, where his mortal body was not laid, that amounts to deception of devotees and dishonor to the Sai Baba's

Samadhi at Shirdi; after lapse of long time, in future, doubt may arise of Shirdi. That may become a subject of research.

Certainly I would therefore, request you to whomsoever it is concerns to examine the position at your end and please see that replica of the Samadhi are not constructed in your Shri Sai Baba Mandir. In case, it is already constructed, it is desirable that the same changed to some other form and it is not designed as Samadhi any longer.

I shall be grateful if you will please apprise me of the position existing in the Mandir and action taken on this letter.

May Shri Sai Baba bless you all.

Yours faithfully,

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Shri Sai Baba Sansthan, Shirdi

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