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(Restoration of Shiv Temple Aarihal, Pulwama)

Shiv Temple at Aarihal, Pulwama which was burned down by unscrupulous elements in 1995 and after that in the year 2008 the land of the temple was encroached by one namely Abdul Rashid Dar R/o Aarihal, Pulwama working in Deputy Commissioner Pulwama's Office with the connivance of some revenue officials in working the same office.

Though the matter was highlighted and brought into the notice of KPSS by the majority community living in the Village and even they agitated the same before every forum related to the subject matter but all turns into futile due to sluggish attitude of the administration.

Time and again it was agitated by KPSS and the members of the majority community living in the Village that the said Abdul Rashid Dar is misusing the office of Deputy Commissioner Pulwama and was transferred to Naib Tehsildar, Tral (Nabiyat) vide order No. DCP/E-11/258-70/AC dated 23.06.2011 after the gap of 22 years. One fails to understand why he is still working in the office of Deputy Commissioner Pulwama. This clearly indicates that these officials in Revenue Department all over the Valley are hand in glove with Land Mafia in Valley and are helping the unscrupulous elements to encroach the temples and the endowment properties attached to them. But unfortunate part of these events gives bad news to the over all Kashmiri Civil Society all over the world. One must not forget that majority community in recent years is coming forward to encourage the Kashmiri Pandits to re-open the closed temples in the Valley.

KPSS hopes and expect that the State Government and Administration to take the stern action against these officials and the land should be restored back to the Community.

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