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### **(State Government, Main stream Politicians and Separatists do not favour the presence of Kashmiri Pandits in the Valley)**

KPSS have taken a strong note, as what has happened in the recent concluded Legislative Assembly regarding the pending Temple Bill. This clearly shows the malafide intentions of the State government that once again they deliberately brought the Temple Bill on the last day of the session. The bill was not even tabled even being in the list. This clearly shows how the State Government is giving more and more time to those persons who are bent to vanish the identity of Kashmiri Pandits from the Valley with respect to the temples and shrines verifying 5000 years of history, culture, and heritage of the Kashmiri Pandits in the Valley.

It is very unfortunate on the part of BJP Legislative Assembly members that they too not raised the voice against the Government's conspiracy for not passing the Temple Bill in the State Assembly. This shows that BJP who claims themselves the messiahs of Kashmiri Pandits living outside the Valley are not actually willing to save the Minority religious places but cash the misdeeds of the State Government endlessly for their vote bank outside the State.

The Government had not only faulted in providing protection to these temples along with the assets of temples but in turn kept its hands aloof and by sharing a policy of non-invention allowed the miscreants and elements working against the Secular, Sovereign character of the State to step and overtake these properties, which not only includes ex-militia men from the armed rebellion of the Kashmiri youths but also include some of the people who have come from other States and have while staying in the Valley and inside these temples taken over the charge of these temples. In addition to that make false statements on floor of the house that every shrine in the Valley has been provided security and there is no such report of desecration and encroachments. It is very unfortunate on part of the Hon'ble Cabinet Minister that he has not gone through the statements and representations of various Kashmiri Pandit organizations in and outside the Valley. We are quoting few examples of encroachments and desecrations of the temples for the sake of the Hon'ble Cabinet Minister as an eye opener:

Gouri Shankar temple, Barbar Shah, Srinagar  
Gosoun Bagh at Hari Parbat, Srinagar  
Land of Baba Dharam Dass at Barbar Shah, Srinagar



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Encroachment of land Sheetal Nath Temple, alongwith desecration and burnt temple of Sheetal Bhairav Sheetal Nath Srinagar. Thameswar Bhairav, Tumllahal, Pulwama, the land of this temple converted into Eddgah.

Recently concluded Census done by the KPSS across the Valley it was observed by the team that almost 90% of the temples of the Kashmiri Pandits have either been desecrated, looted, burned and encroached or the centuries old idols have been stolen and sold in the mafia market by the unscrupulous elements during the past two decades of turmoil. For this a complete report will be circulated alongwith photographs, video clips and documentary proofs, which has been collected by the KPSS during the census, before the Government (State as well as Centre) and a copy of same be put before the United Nations Office and Amnesty International so that the world community could get a clear picture about these temples and other religious places of the Kashmiri Pandits. Though, KPSS tried its best for last three years to inform the State and Central Government starting from Hon'ble President of India to Hon'ble Chief Minister of the State in which we have mentioned the names and organizations who work hand in hand to destroy, desecrate, loot, burn, encroach, lease and sell the temples and shines of the Kashmiri Pandits in the Valley.

Even last year KPSS approached through press, Separatists leadership, to save the epitome of Kashmiri cult by recommending "FATWA" against these unscrupulous elements but our plea didn't had any effect on their ears and minds and they too sidelined themselves from the issue. This clearly shows that their claim that they represent the true Kashmir and Kashmiris is a big bluff to the international community. Also their claim that the migration of Kashmiri Pandits has not been done by any militant organizations and the desecration and demolition of the Kashmiri Pandits religious places is just a eye wash. We want to tell the World Community that most of the temples and religious places of the Kashmiri Pandits were desecrated, burned and looted aftermath reaction of demolition of Babri Masjid in 1992 and burning of holy Shrine of Charar-i-Sharief in 1995.

The Government Departments and politicians main stream or separatists in the Valley are either adopting the policy of non-invention or in the alternating are facilitating the illegal process resultant of which a time would not be far away when all of the properties would extinct and would only be found in the historical percepts. So KPSS have decided to give Government the final opportunity upto 5<sup>th</sup> of April to bring ordinance to ban the illegal sale deeds encroachments with effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1990 till today and declare all sale and lease deeds null and void and commission an inquiry how these temple properties have been illegally sold or leased by the



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unscrupulous elements with the help of some government officials and those persons in the majority community who wants to bring bad face on whole Kashmir society. This time is also for the separatist leaders to intervene in the matter and isolate those persons found guilty in desecrating, looting, burning, encroaching, selling and purchasing the temples of the Kashmiri Pandits in the Valley.

If Hon'ble Chief Minister of the state wants to know more about the conditions of temples alongwith their properties the KPSS will extend full support alongwith documentary proofs photographs and videos of these temples.

Also, KPSS is holding an exhibition of Temple Pictures in deliberated conditions due to these unscrupulous elements who are bent to destroy the Kashmiri Pandits religious identity in which the Separatist leaders alongwith the local national and international press and media will be invited to give an eye opener to these leaders.

If the State Government fails as mentioned above then the members of KPSS will go fast unto death from 6<sup>th</sup> of April, 2009 and any untoward outcome will be on the shoulders of State Government and political parties, mainstream or separatists of the State.

Sanjay K. Tickoo  
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