

FROM,

OM RADHE,

PRESIDENT OM MANDLI AND OM NIVAS,
KARACHI.

To,

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF SIND, KARACHI.

Subject : Findings of the Tribunal to Inquire into
Affairs of the Om Mandli.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 240-III(S) dated 5th May 1939, calling upon me and Dada Lekhraj to show cause why the Om Mandli should not be declared an unlawful association under section 16 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1908, I have to state as under. In this connection I invite a reference to my letter of 6th instant requesting for the copies of the full report of Messrs. Lobo and Kaloomal and the evidence recorded by them. I regret it has not been possible for you to comply with my request but I hope you will realise the extent of hardship to which my committee is subjected in showing cause without knowing the evidence recorded against the Mandli. My committee can proceed only on such information that they had been able to get informally about the proceedings of the so called Tribunal.

2. It is however necessary at the outset to give you a short account of the Om Mandli and Om Nivas which are private family institutions of a religious nature, their ideals and social work of reform, the unclean and malicious propaganda of Mukhi Mangharam & his Anti Om Mandli committee, the lawless methods employed by them, the undue interference of the Hindu members of the Assembly in the affairs of the Mandli turning wrong

consider the Judicial pronouncements in Exs. K & L and other evidence recorded in courts in Judicial proceedings and referred to above in deciding whether it is we who interfere with the administration of law or constitute a danger to the public peace or our unscrupulous opponents.

In the end on behalf of the Committee I earnestly appeal to the noble sense of Government to consider our case impartially and dispassionately unswayed by any Political considerations. I have a fervent hope that Government will rise equal to the occasion and that our cry for justice will not be a cry in wilderness. I and my Committee refuse to believe as given out in the issue of the "Sind Observer" of the 14th instant that Government have already made up their mind in this matter inspite of the legal difficulties in the way of applying the Act to us. We believe that "Truth" must prevail.

I am also grateful to you for extending the time for this explanation by two days (Saturday and Sunday).

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Om Radhe

President

Om Mandli & Om Nivas

Karachi,

Dated 14th May 1939