



## GLOBAL OGB ASSOCIATION (GO)

### RESPONSE TO ACCUSATIONS MADE OF FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT BY THE GO COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In the last few days it has been alleged that the GO Managing Committee has misappropriated, a particular donors, Rs.2,25,000 for the renovations of a Junior Classroom and not used it for its purpose. Further, other vile accusations have been hurled at the Committee e.g. *“lost your way and you may become rich but inside you are very poor morally”*; *“your motivations and integrity were to be for the benefit of the children and the school not your own benefit”*; accused of *“corruption and dishonesty”*!!!

The following facts are outlined, in direct response to those accusations :

#### FACT 1

- a) The funds received by GO have **always** been directed to the Project it has been intended for.
- b) There are clear separation of responsibilities e.g. procurement; receipt of the goods/materials and approving the invoices; payments authorised. Controls have been introduced so that no one-person is responsible for all tasks.
- c) Finally – all Income & Expenditure is audited at the EOY by a qualified Chartered Accountant and then filed with the Government of India, Income-Tax Department.
- d) There is no room for mismanagement or larceny.

#### FACT 2

- a) In 2021 the cost of refurbishing a Junior School Classroom was budgeted at a minimum of **Rs.2,25,000/-** each.
- b) The breakdown of expenditure is as follows :
  - 20 Desks - **Rs.1,57,000**
  - Balance Rs. **68,000** utilised to : Repair rotting timber floorboards, where required (plus apply anti-termite treatment + polyurethane sealant); provide Teachers Desk & Chair; Greenboard; Storage Cupboard; Electricals upgrade
- c) At every stage the funds were expended with utmost care and minimum loss. However, for some Classrooms the overall cost went over budget as they required additional repair to be done.

**TILE FLOORS** - 2 Classrooms on the Ground Floor of the Junior Block, required the complete removal of the timber flooring; and replaced with stone/sand/cement/tiles. This was an additional **Rs.1,19,700** actual cost per Classroom.

#### FACT 3 - Total Funds Used for 22 Junior & Middle School Classrooms :

The full Income and Expenditure for the 22 Classrooms was published on 18 August 2022, via FB and on the GO Website. However, it bears reproducing the Report below:

FUNDS RECEIVED	INDIA	AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	USA	UK	TOTAL Expenditure	TOTAL FUNDS	
First Half	₹ 9,01,401	₹ 6,15,861	₹ 2,82,375	₹ 3,75,416	₹ 85,983			
Second Half	₹ 15,26,143	₹ 7,45,947	₹ 2,67,223	₹ 4,56,905	₹ 41,200			
Total Funds Received	₹ 24,27,544	₹ 13,61,808	₹ 5,49,598	₹ 8,32,321	₹ 1,27,183		₹ 52,98,454	
						₹ 25,22,325		
						₹ 24,94,954		
						₹ 50,17,279		
<b>OUTSTANDING BALANCE:</b>								
These funds will be used to complete one Classroom housed in the School Office building :								₹ 2,81,175