

Sat. 9th Apr '97

Further discussions and arrangements for opening the new Institution on the 1st of May were in full swing almost ~~throughout~~ throughout the day.

So long the Heyrat-Babajan School was conducted in one half of the Mess-Quarters and the other half portion was used by the Mandali as their residence, but now as three more Senior classes ~~to~~ have been decided to be added in the school, which is already over-crowded, Shri ordered today for the creation of a new 'Inakan' for the mandali near the well (the site for this purpose, it may be remembered ~~for~~ was selected long ago) and from the 1st of May to ~~convert the whole of the Mess-Qu~~ utilize both of the big

halls for school purposes.

Baba also visited the cottage near the village where the proposed Ashram is to be located, with Bawa Sahab and 'Chanji and instructed them to carry out the necessary changes and repairs to the premises.

An aged Fakomeddan came to see Shree and offered his son to be admitted in the school as a resident-student. Baba accepted the boy and gave him in charge of Rao Sahab.

There was a serious report against Shankar, and after hearing out all evidences, Baba passed the "capital" punishment for him, that is he should no longer stay here. Shankar was all in tears, remonstrated, begged pardon, and expressed the desire to be given one more chance of serving "श्री गुरुदेव सेवा संघ" he concluded. Still Baba remained unmoved and conveyed this much only "Stay at your own will, but against mine as I don't want you to be here" In spite of such a remark from Baba, Shankar preferred to stay, and he was allowed to do so, but Shree strictly warned him not even to talk with any of the boys in the school, and even when out of the colony he should not keep any connection whatsoever with any of the boys that are in Baba's charge and protection.

Arrangements were also being made for observing the Birthday of Ram tomorrow since this morning. Raja undertook to stretch a Mandap for this purpose near the zhopdi, and it was near completion, but just then someone went over the roof

of the Ghopdi to adjust the burlings and while doing so treaded over a tile and broke it. As soon as Shri saw this He became very angry and cancelled the whole of the programme for tomorrow! The Mandali was dismantled there and then and all the day's labour were undone in the twinkling of an eye!!

Rustoji was also informed not to send the sweets in connection with the birthday celebration of his son Khabelli which was also to be observed tomorrow!!!

Some general discussions were held between Shri and the mandali after this 'storm' in the evening near the 'Dhoni' and ended with a detective story from Ramji who was asked by Baba to repeat it before all.

'Chanji was of late, thinking to ask permission from Baba to go to Bombay and Karsari on the 20th for ten days and come back by the 1st to take part in the opening ceremony of the Ashram. Without his having had to do so Baba conveyed the required leave to Chanji this evening between the exact dates that 'Chanji had thought about!'

Narrozji had left the mandali on the plea that he did not like the idea of taking money from Baba for his services but had said he would serve elsewhere and on the contrary try to ~~not~~ send some money to Baba from his savings. And with this view he had parted from Baba quite against Shri's own will and advice.

But by going against Baba's will how one is placed into an awkward position is proved from the letter that ~~from~~ Shri received from Kaval today. Therein Kaval said that as long in spite of his best attempts he had failed to get a job and had run short of funds badly.

He further solicited Baba's blessings for success, and also asked for some funds! He had refused pay for services and now without rendering any service Kaval was obliged to ask for money from Baba!