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BY
**ANTI OM MANDLI COMMITTEE
HYDERABAD SIND.**

(12) That the petitioners submit that the nature of things is such that it is difficult, nay almost impossible, to have recourse to ordinary Courts of law. As submitted above, the inmates have lost their independent judgment and will have almost lost all feelings of shame, that it is now impossible for them to make up their minds to leave the Om Mandli voluntarily.

(13) That the Petitioners submit that the evil influence of this institution, though at present mostly confined to one Community, is likely to spread to other communities also, as its portals are open to all.

(14) That the petitioners further submit that the women folk who attend his so-called sat-sangs frequently faint away- embracing and hugging Lekhraj and calling him "Krishna" and he would respond to them as his "Gopies". The impersonating as Krishna by Lekhraj is extremely objectionable and violates the religious susceptibilities of the Hindus.

(15) That affidavits in support are attached.

The petitioners subscribe themselves
as your most obedient servants

Sd/- Harkishindas Gurdinomal Sd/- Khanchand Gopaldas

Sd/- Shamdas P. Gidwani Sd/- Lokamal Chellaram

Sd/- Mangharam Gurdinomal

Petitioners.

AFFIDAVIT.

I, Shewakram Khubchand Daswani, state on solemn affirmation as under:—

1. That I have known Lekhraj Khubchand, founder of the Om Mandli since the last thirtyfive years.
His age at present is 54 years.

should be taken under Section 16 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1908.

Government have appointed a Tribunal to enquire into certain matters touching the Om Mandli and Om Nivas. The Hindu Community is very much exercised over the situation and feeling is running very high. There is thus every likelihood that unless some speedy remedy is taken and Bhai Lekhraj and other males are prevented from visiting the Om Mandli and Om Nivas or meeting the inmates of these institutions, the public tranquility will be seriously threatened.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 23rd day of March 1239.

District Magistrate Karachi.

Order under Section 144, Criminal Procedure Code.

To,

- (1) Lekhraj son of Khubchand
- (2) Atu G. Advani
- (3) Murtaza alias Rishi

Whereas it had been made to appear to me that male persons come to and visit the premises occupied at Karachi by the Om Mandli and Om Nivas.

And whereas in view of the facts hereinafter set out I consider that direction herein contained is likely to prevent disturbance to the public tranquility and that speedy remedy is desirable.

Now therefore in exercise of the powers conferred on my by Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898, I hereby order you to abstain from admitting or causing to be admitted into the premises occupied on Victoria Road and Reay Road at Karachi by the institutions