

April 15, 1996

Dear Sadh Sangat Ji,

This is to clarify some of the misunderstanding that has been created in the minds of the Sangat recently. As you know, number of large meetings have taken place over the last few months among Indian Sikh residents of Arizona about building a new Gurdwara in Phoenix. During a general body meeting, on March, 23rd, 1996, at Delhi Palace, a decision was made to go ahead to build a new Gurdwara. A working committee of ten members was selected at that meeting. The members of this committee are:

Dr. Ranjit Bisla, Amarjit Sandhu, Parveen Khanuja, Tejinder Singh, Raj Bhalla, Surinder Singh Iqbal S. Dhaliwal, Dr. Balwinder S. Pawar, Dr. Baljit Singh and Harbhagwan S. Sekhon

A new organization with name of "Sikh Religious Society of Arizona" was created. This organization is not affiliated with any previous existing organizations. A number of suggestions about name of new Gurdwara came from the Sangat and "Arizona Sikh Gurdwara" was the name selected for the future Gurdwara.

Soon after this historical meeting, documents were filed with IRS and the Arizona Corporation Commission. After the approval of the documents, an account has been opened in the name of Sikh religious Society of Arizona. Sangat has been very generous in their commitments. During our general body meeting approximately \$40,000 was committed in less than 10 minutes. Some donations have come from Kirtan at Sangat's residence as well as direct donations. We are now in the process of raising funds for the "Arizona Sikh Gurdwara".

The working committee has been holding meetings almost on a weekly basis and lot of progress has been made. The committee has been looking actively for the location of the new Gurdwara. A very nice property is under consideration. An offer has already been placed. This property is centrally located near Squa Peak and Shea Blvd.

We understand that Guru Nanak Dwara Asharm also has a project to improve, expand or build a new building. They have started calling it a new Gurdwara project. We have been talking about a new Gurdwara for months. The recent statements at Guru Nanak Dwara during Ardaas as well afterwards about new Gurdwara project have confused the Sangat. We received number of calls about the confusion. We were asked if we have dropped the idea of building a new Gurdwara. We want to make it clear to Sangat that Sikh Religious Society of Arizona is an independent entity with its own project of building brand new Gurdwara under its local management without any other influence. We are asking for your support - moral, physical as well as financial. With your support and His Will, we should have a new Gurdwara in Phoenix soon. Please make your donation checks payable to "Sikh Religious Society of Arizona" and send it with your application (on the other side) as soon as possible. You can also give your donations and applications to one of the working committee members.

Than you for your support.

Sincerely,
Dr. Ranjit S.Bisla
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Sikh Religious Society of Arizona