

Financial Report

1ST APRIL 2023 – 31ST MARCH 2024

Our Dear Baba Family,

This is the 24th annual report of the Avatar Meher Baba Perpetual Public Charitable Trust, prepared for the information of the worldwide family of Baba lovers.

The main financial news this year, which is not good, is that the Foreign Contributions (Regulation) Act 2010 (FCRA) restrictions on receiving foreign donations remain in place despite the many efforts of the Trust to change them. The Trust has reapplied for registration, but until this is granted, foreign contributions cannot be received.

The Financial Activity chart shows that total donations received in the year were Rs. 7.4 crores (\$889,990)–Rs.5.8 crores (\$699,680) in Corpus and Rs.1.6 crores (\$190,310) in General Donations—a healthy increase over the total

donations received of Rs.4.6 crores (\$567,527) the previous year. However, Rs.2.4 crores (\$288,965) were one-off donations received in kind, i.e., non-cash, which limits their use to the Trust. The restriction on foreign donations, a significant source in past years, keeps donations at historically low levels.

Operating Expenses of Rs.10.4 crores (\$1,246,197) show an increase of Rs.93.2 lakhs or 9.9% over the previous year, which results from the additional expense of Rs.86.5 lakhs (\$103,746) related to the Hostel kitchens.

Development activity has been affected by the low level of donations and limited to necessary projects to avoid reducing Corpus. This year's main project has been the Rs.90.7 lakhs (\$108,803) spent on renovating the Hostel D complex in Lower Meherabad, including new bathroom facilities. The

project is expected to be completed within the next few months.

The 5- to 7-year development plan, derived from the Trust's Master Plan, was completed this year and is expected to guide the future development of the estate.

"To build Corpus to become self-sustaining" continues to be the long-term financial focus of the Trust. Managing the Trust's ever-increasing expenses against reduced income has made this another very challenging year financially. We strive to the best of our abilities, the ultimate outcome is in the hands of our beloved Baba.

In His Love and Service,

Framroze J. Mistry

Chairman

Avatar Meher Baba Perpetual Public Charitable Trust

Avatar Meher Baba P. P. C. Trust Financial Position at 31st March 2024

Presented below is the Summary Balance Sheet of the Trust. As always, it is based on the audited financial statements. The balance sheet provides readers with a snapshot of the Trust's financial position at the end of the financial year, i.e., on 31 March 2024. It discloses the cost of assets owned by the Trust, namely property acquired and constructed since inception of the Trust, and current investments, bank balances, etc. The balance sheet also discloses the source of funds received to acquire these assets. The main source of funds are Corpus donations, both general and specific, and the Trust has used these funds to acquire its various assets.

An explanation of the captions under the "Corpus and Liabilities" column follows:

Trust Fund and Corpus:

In essence, this represents the capital of the Trust and is an accumulation of the following items since inception:

- The original Corpus amount donated when the Trust was set up by Meher Baba. This was a very small amount in relation to the existing balance.
- All General Corpus donations made to the Trust. General Corpus donations are donations made without any restrictions and can be used by the Trust for any purpose whatsoever. General Corpus donations represent by far the largest portion of this balance.
- When Specific Corpus donations are used, the utilized amount is transferred to Trust Fund and Corpus as explained below.
- Transfers from the Income and Expenditure Account as explained in the text that follows.

Income & Expenditure Account:

This balance represents the total accumulated Surplus/Deficit of the Trust since inception, less any amounts transferred to Trust Fund and Corpus to meet certain legal requirements or at the discretion of the Board. As a result of these transfers there is a nil balance at 31 March 2024.

In effect, this balance is also part of the capital of the Trust, similar to Trust Fund and Corpus, but standard accounting practice requires accumulated surplus amounts to be kept separate.

Specific Corpus Donations:

These amounts represent the unutilized balance of Specific Corpus donations received by the Trust. These donations are made for specific objects and projects, and when monies donated are used for the specified purpose, an equivalent amount is transferred to Trust Fund and Corpus.

Liabilities:

This balance represents amounts owed by the Trust to third parties.

Under the "Assets" column are listed the various assets acquired and constructed by the Trust:

Fixed Assets:

Represents the various assets acquired or constructed by the Trust since inception. It includes tangible assets, such as land, buildings, equipment of all types, furniture, wells, vehicles of all types, infrastructure construction such as roads, water storage tanks and dams, electrical sub-station,

computers, etc. It also includes intangible assets, such as software.

All these assets, except land, have a finite life, and the cost of the asset is depreciated over the estimated life of the asset. According to standard accounting practice, the original cost, accumulated depreciation of the assets, and the net value after deducting depreciation are shown as separate amounts in the balance sheet

Investments:

Represents the various types of investments owned by the Trust. There are restrictions on the types of investments Public Charitable Trusts in India can make. The restrictions are to ensure that funds of such institutions are conservatively invested. The Trust has a very conservative policy of investing only in deposits with public sector banks and in government securities to minimize any loss.

Investments in Long-term Fixed Deposits are for terms ranging up to 10 years. Short-term Fixed Deposits are for terms less than one year.

Current Assets:

This balance represents amounts owed to the Trust by staff and third parties, and includes payments made in advance for purchase of assets.

Cash and Bank Balances:

This figure represents the total of all bank balances with the Trust's various bankers plus the cash kept on hand. The cash balance represents a very small component of the total balance.

CORPUS AND LIABILITIES	31-Mar-2024	31-Mar-2023	31-Mar-2024	31-Mar-2023	ASSETS	31-Mar-2024	31-Mar-2023	31-Mar-2024	31-Mar-2023
	Rupees	Rupees	US \$	US \$		Rupees	Rupees	US \$	US \$
TRUST FUND AND CORPUS	1,13,51,12,516	1,10,04,82,137	13,615,359	13,384,604	FIXED ASSETS				
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	0	0	0	0	Cost	63,83,61,400	59,50,61,257	7,656,968	7,237,427
SPECIFIC CORPUS DONATIONS					Less: Depreciation	23,73,07,171	22,23,15,112	2,846,434	2,703,905
Archives/Museum	0	0	0	0		40,10,54,229	37,27,46,145	4,810,534	4,533,522
Development Plan	1,14,39,508	1,14,39,508	137,214	139,133	INVESTMENTS				
Dharamshala	8,05,84,212	7,99,42,472	966,585	972,299	Deposits with Public Sector Banks:				
Educational Facilities	24,43,205	17,71,000	29,306	21,540	Long-term Fixed Deposits	65,33,90,715	65,66,92,965	7,837,240	7,987,022
Medical Facilities	1,76,90,633	1,62,87,628	212,194	198,098	Short-term Fixed Deposits	2,34,28,155	2,72,84,207	281,014	331,844
Meherazad Preservation & Development	8,99,00,000	8,99,00,000	1,078,326	1,093,408	Accrued Interest	26,04,59,480	24,08,86,769	3,124,139	2,929,783
Super Structure	70,02,118	70,02,118	83,989	85,163		93,72,78,350	92,48,63,941	11,242,393	11,248,649
Other	28,94,172	21,10,887	34,714	25,674	CURRENT ASSETS	38,94,443	61,91,884	46,713	75,309
	21,19,53,848	20,84,53,613	2,542,328	2,535,315	CASH AND BANK BALANCES	55,49,156	56,07,079	66,561	68,196
LIABILITIES	7,09,814	4,73,299	8,514	5,757		1,34,77,76,178	1,30,94,09,049	16,166,201	15,925,676
	1,34,77,76,178	1,30,94,09,049	16,166,201	15,925,676					

Avatar Meher Baba P. P. C. Trust Financial Activity

From 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

The financial activity summary presented below is based on the Trust's audited financial statements. It summarizes receipts and payments, i.e., amounts received and amounts disbursed, and it covers all Trust activities—operating income and expenses, Corpus donations received, and money spent on capital expenditure. This summary discloses expenses incurred on facilities and programs so that you get an overall picture of Trust activities.

The captions in the "Receipts" column are self-explanatory except for two items that require some comment:

General Donations, includes operating donations under grants:

Under this caption there are two amounts noted, for 2024 and 2023, both showing "Nil" amounts. These amounts represent donations received under Maintenance Grants from institutions devoted to Meher Baba in the USA. The amounts are "Nil" as foreign donations could not be accepted by the Trust in these years due to restrictions imposed by FCRA.

Receipts from Kitchen Facilities:

The heading is self explanatory. The amount for 2023 is zero because 2024 is the first year of this activity in the Trust.

Under the "Payments" column, a description of the Operating Expenses is given below for each major function:

Office & Administration:

Expenses for office and administration staff and premises, including the Trust's main office at Meher Nazar and part of the Meherabad Trustees office.

Liability of First Charge and Historic Sites:

The primary responsibility of the Trust is to take care of Beloved Baba's Samadhi. In addition, this figure

includes staff and maintenance expenses related to all other historic sites in Upper and Lower Meherabad, Meherazad, and Guruprasad Memorial Hall.

Water Facilities and Afforestation:

Maintenance of wells, pipelines, water storage facilities and pumps, electric bills for pumps, water charges, agricultural vehicles, and afforestation expenses at Meherabad and Meherazad.

Facilities for Pilgrims:

The maintenance of Meher Pilgrim Retreat (MPR), Hostels C and D, Dharamshala, as well as expenses for pilgrim transportation, marketing vehicles, electricity, security, insurance, etc. Total expenses for this object was Rs.2.1 crores (\$255,731).

Medical Facilities:

Includes the expenses of Meher Health Centre in Arangaon, Meher Hospital, Medical Staff Quarters, and the Trust-sponsored health camps for school children, cataract camps, and dental camps, and free medical aid and medicine to indigent patients and hospitalization for the poor and needy in Ahmednagar.

Education Facilities:

Includes the operation of Meher English School, Farmers' Education Centre, Physical Education Centre, and Music and Arts Centre and includes books and scholarships provided to poor students. Total expenses for these activities were Rs.1.7 crores (\$201,747).

Secular Education:

Includes expenditure for Beloved Avatar Meher Baba's Amartithi. Also includes expenses of the library, study hall, museum, Welcome Office, staff quarters, Archives and Research buildings at Meherabad and Meherazad, Memorial Tower,

Meher Pilgrim Centre, Spiritual Academy at Lower Meherabad, and Young Adults Sahavas.

Other Charitable Objects:

Financial assistance to Arangaon and Pimpalgaon Grampanchayats for social purpose projects undertaken by them, Help to the Poor and Needy, and to local institutions and communities.

Kitchen Facilities for Pilgrims:

Includes the operating costs of the kitchens in Hostel D and MPR. The amount for 2023 is zero because 2024 is the first year of this activity in the Trust.

As mentioned in the Chairman's message, total operating expenses of Rs.10.4 crores (\$1,246,197) have increased by 9.9% over the previous year, mainly as a result of the additional expense related to Kitchen Facilities.

The next main heading in the "Payments" column is "Capital Expenditure." It shows the Capital Expenditure for the year. Once again, no expenses were incurred under the Development Plan as the FCRA restriction on foreign donations does not allow the Trust to use any unutilized foreign donations received in the past. The largest cash expenditure, as mentioned in the Chairman's message, was on the renovation of the Hostel D complex in Lower Meherabad. The additions to Land and Fencing result from one-off donations in kind that were also mentioned in the Chairman's message. Capital expenditure under "Other" includes furniture and fixtures, medical, agricultural and computer equipment, soft furnishings for the hostels, and paving part of the Meher English School grounds.

The last section in the chart shows the unspent funds received during the year, which have mainly been invested in bank deposits.

RECEIPTS	2024 Rupees	2023 Rupees	2024 US \$	2023 US \$	PAYMENTS	2024 Rupees	2023 Rupees	2024 US \$	2023 US \$
OPERATING RECEIPTS					OPERATING EXPENSES				
Interest on Investments	6,42,07,678	6,47,71,437	770,153	787,782	Office and Administration	1,01,10,068	90,10,784	121,268	109,594
General Donations, includes operating donations under grants:	1,58,66,192	1,61,28,152	190,310	196,158	Liability of First Charge & Historic Sites	82,73,827	82,53,849	99,242	100,387
2024 - Rs. Nil					Water Facilities & Afforestation	1,51,04,519	1,36,77,272	181,175	166,350
2023 - Rs. Nil					Facilities for Pilgrims - Meherabad	74,48,715	99,73,243	99,345	121,299
Donations from pilgrims for staying in Hostels	80,47,840	70,54,470	96,532	85,800	- Meher Pilgrim Retreat	1,38,71,618	1,44,12,518	166,386	175,292
Receipts from Kitchen Facilities	84,85,513	0	101,781	0	Medical Facilities	1,02,03,993	94,85,686	122,394	115,370
Educational Gathering : Amartithi Donations	8,40,216	8,58,787	10,078	10,445	Education Facilities - Schooling help	16,43,999	13,16,813	19,719	16,016
Meher English School fees	8,98,040	864,100	10,772	10,510	- Farmers' Education Centre	6,17,398	5,78,552	7,406	7,037
Other	3,40,374	31,05,752	4,083	37,774	- Music and Arts Centre	9,21,942	7,52,393	11,058	9,151
	9,86,85,853	9,27,82,698	1,183,709	1,128,469	- Physical Education Centre	14,64,449	12,69,658	17,566	15,442
					- Meher English School	1,21,71,889	1,15,98,550	145,998	141,067
CORPUS DONATIONS					Secular Education	1,16,45,387	1,20,27,468	139,683	146,284
For any use in the Trust under Corpus	2,88,14,101	2,62,37,712	345,617	319,116	Other Charitable Objects	17,68,351	22,17,155	21,211	26,966
For use in any Development Plan project	0	0	0	0	Kitchen Facilities for Pilgrims	86,49,317	0	103,746	0
For Specific Purposes:						10,38,95,472	9,45,73,941	1,246,197	1,150,255
Dharamshala	6,41,740	3,11,500	7,698	3,788	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE				
Donations In Kind	2,40,91,039	3,75,896	288,965	4,572	Land and Fencing	2,91,42,282	76,96,178	349,554	93,605
Medical Facilities	16,40,265	13,97,163	19,675	16,993	Infrastructure	12,56,550	80,86,094	15,072	98,347
Educational Facilities	20,57,137	18,21,733	24,675	22,157	Buildings	95,66,082	3,48,295	114,742	4,236
Other	10,88,010	3,89,993	13,050	4,743	School Buses	0	49,01,999	0	59,621
	5,83,32,292	3,05,33,997	699,680	371,369	Other	33,35,229	12,64,825	40,005	15,383
					Includes capital expenditure under Development Plans:				
CAPITAL RECEIPT	0	7,28,045	0	8,855	2024 - Rs. 0				
					2023 - Rs. 0				
						4,33,00,143	2,22,97,391	519,373	271,192
					Unspent receipts remaining in year after all expenditures, resulting mainly in increased investments	98,22,530	71,73,408	117,819	87,246
	15,70,18,145	12,40,44,740	1,883,389	1,508,693		15,70,18,145	12,40,44,740	1,883,389	1,508,693