My Dear Zoroastrian Godrejites,

Through: Shri E J Kalwachia,

Sub: Appeal for funds pertaining to Holy Atashbehram located at Navsari.

Attached herewith is an appeal from Mr. Sorab K Vazifdar, Hon. Secretary of “Navsari Atashbehram & Vadi Daremeher Trust Fund” – Navsari, towards financial assistance for maintenance and upkeep of our Holy Atashbehram located at Navsari.

Also attached is a picture narrating the history of Atashbehram, which is etched in a stone visible as you enter the Atashbehram building, according to which the holy fire was consecrated on 2nd December, 1765, and the existing structure was opened for the worshippers on 24th December, 1925.

The existing grand and majestic structure is nearly 85 years old, and it requires a lot of funds to maintain its upkeep and magnificence, as also to financially sustain the mobeds and supporting staff. This requires a healthy fresh infusion of funds in its existing financial corpus.

The city of Navsari has produced stalwarts like Dr. Dadabhoy Naoroji, Sir Jamshedjee Jeejebhoy, Sir Jamshedjee Tata, Shri Shapoorji F Jokhi, etc. who’s Statesmanship and Philanthropy has touched our lives in some form or other. This is an opportunity to redeem in some small measure the benefits which have rubbed on us on account of the munificence of this noble souls.

We, who are blessed and better placed, are requested to contribute generously to this noble cause, for which you and your dear ones would definitely be showered with divine blessings of the Holy Fire.

Please send your donations to the undersigned by cheque in favour of “Navsari Atashbehram & Vadi Daremeher Trust Fund.”

Thanking You

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Dear Fellow Zoroastrians,

Deep down within you there is a flame burning for our religion and community.

Navsari Atashbehram was consecrated 245 years ago in A.D. 1765. The first Dar-e-meher in India with full fledge Nan-Khana was consecrated in Navsari about 868 years ago in A.D. 1142.

Atashbehram of Navsari today is in urgent need of funds. As no incentive was given to the mobeds previously, they either migrated to distant lands for the better living condition and some switched over to other professions as well as some have retired due to old age. This resulted in acute shortage of mobeds of the calibre required to tend the holy fire of this historic Atashbehram.

For last some years we have started paying monthly incentive to mobeds and pension to retired mobeds or the widows of the deceased. We also increased the same from time to time due to rising inflation. Due to the rise in cost of sandalwood, kathi utensils and oil for divas etc. it has become difficult to meet the expenses and make two ends meet.

The corpus fund is approximately Rupees One Hundred Twenty Lacs only. The total yearly income is about Rs. 14 lacs against the expenses of Rs. 15.50 lacs which is naturally increasing day by day due to ever rising cost of maintenance, not to talk of periodical repairs and other unforeseen expenditures.

We request all parsi zarthostrians to kindly realise the gravity of the situation and extend all the financial help that they can.

The blessings of Dadar Ahuramazd and the sacred Atash Padshah will bring joy and happiness to your families. We also request you to contact your friends and explain to them the real need for extending their helping hand.

Please send your donations by cheque/draft drawn in favour of "Navsari Atashbehram & Vadi Dar-e-meher Trust Fund" at following address: Hon. Secretary, Sorab Kekobad Vajifdar, 8/1346, Dastur Street, Navsari - 396 445. Phone No. (02637) 243036.

[Signature]

on behalf of

The Trustees & Committee Members of
"Navsari Atashbehram & Vadi Dar-e-meher Trust Fund"