



Getting help during a  
calamity, and a  
psychological support...



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(Narration of Personal Experience)

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2010, at around 6.00 am, we (Sameerdada and I) returned to Happy Home from our Kankavali tour. As usual, Sameerdada proceeded to meet Param Poojya Bapu on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. Param Poojya Bapu was having coffee in the living room. Vaibhavsinh Karnik was sitting with him. Vaibhavsinh said, “In fact, today Bapu was going to sleep early at around 4.30 am. But then, Param Poojya Nandai woke up due to some reason and Bapu had to spend about an hour speaking with her.” Sameerdada narrated in brief regarding the tour and how it had gone off well after which Bapu retired to his room and we also left.

The next day, our routine commenced at 11.30 a.m. After completing his work, Sameerdada went home for lunch at around 4.45 pm. Mr. Avinash Ajgaonkar (works as a driver in Happy Home) called me up sometime between 5.30 - 5.45 pm. He was sounding a bit scared. He told me that the building where Dhrutiveera (Sameerdada’s daughter) attends her coaching class is on fire. No sooner he finished narrating thus, than Sameerdada returned to Happy Home and stood in front of me. I related the information to Sameerdada immediately following which he called up Dhrutiveera calmly and inquired about the actual facts. She replied “There is a fire on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the building and we are stuck in our classroom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for the past 30 minutes. Smoke has engulfed the classroom and we are unable to even see each other properly. The windows in the classroom are in the lower part of the wall, near our legs. On trying to open them, more smoke gushes in and so they have been kept closed. Our eyes are burning due to the smoke and we are facing difficulty in breathing.”

After listening to this, Sameerdada asked her, “My child, are you frightened? Don’t lose patience. Start chanting Hanuman Chalisa as told by your uncle (Bapu) and hold a wet handkerchief on your mouth.”

After ending the conversation, Sameerdada went to meet Param Poojya Bapu immediately and I too followed him. Bapu asked Sameerdada to immediately proceed to the coaching class and told him to chant Hanuman



chalisa. Param Poojya Suchitdada, Sunilsinh Mantri and I left for her class immediately which was located at Vile-parle. Param Poojya Suchitdada and Sameerdada were chanting Hanuman chalisa in the vehicle and even others were asked to do the same. And behold! What a wonderful surprise! We had not even reached halfway when we received a phone call from Mr. Avinash Ajgaonkar. He said that the fire-fighters had rescued all the children safely! This simply meant that which was not happening even after trying for an hour, had become possible within 5 to 10 minutes of chanting the Hanuman Chalisa.

We reached there within 15 minutes. Dhrutiveera was terrified. Sameerdada held her close. He consoled her and asked her about the incident. Dhrutiveera replied, “Due to an electric short-circuit on the first floor, a fire had broken out and the entire second floor was engulfed in smoke within no time. We tried to break the windowpanes, but in vain.”

Subsequently we returned to Happy Home. Param Poojya Suchitdada and Sameerdada took Dhrutiveera to the *devghar* (A place inside the house where deities are worshipped) situated on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor. Nandai literally hugged Dhrutiveera. Her eyes were full of tears of happiness as the child had returned home safely. Together everyone prayed to the God. Nandai applied Udi to her forehead.

Once everyone had settled, Vaibhavsinh narrated the incident which had taken place the same morning. At around 4.30 am, Param Poojya Nandai had woken up anxiously. At the time she told Babu, “A fire has broken out or a bomb has exploded and ‘she’ is trapped inside. Please extract her safely. Only you can deliver her from harm.” At the time, Vaibhavsinh had not understood the meaning of this verbal exchange but after listening to the incident which occurred with Dhrutiveera, we realized that Param Poojya Nandai had foreseen the approaching calamity well in advance and Param Poojya Babu too had kept his word and rescued the child safely from the clutches of fire.

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