To
The Trustees
Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra
Camp Office: Ramkacheri,
Ramkot, Ayodhya 224123

Dear Sirs,

Greetings!

This has reference to your undated letter referring to the Ashram property known as Sri Aurobindo Sadhanalaya at Ayodhya.

Our representatives, Mr. Purushottaman and Mr. Satya Dayanand, had the pleasure of meeting Shri Champat Rai ji along with Dr. Anil Misra ji and Shri Gopal ji at our Sadhanalaya premises on 13.09.2022. After the meeting, Shri Champat Rai ji was kind enough to allow them to be shown around the proposed grand new Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir being constructed and be updated on the extensive plans for the surrounding areas and the proposed movement of devotees and other proposed facilities. The progress so far has indeed been very impressive and they could get a sense of the final grandeur of the Mandir and the surroundings once it is all fully developed as planned.

There are certain considerations that the Sri Aurobindo Ashram Trust board must keep in mind when arriving at any decision.

The land for the Sri Aurobindo Sadhanalaya in Ayodhya was donated to the Mother in 1959 with clear intentions on how it should be used specified by the donor in the gift deed. The Mother gracefully accepted the gift appreciating the sentiments of the donor. On accepting the property, the Mother assigned some sadhaks to take care of the property and they took great pains to develop it as an abode for meditation and introspection befitting the purpose of a Sadhanalaya. Recognising the efforts of the sadhaks and the growth of the Sadhanalaya (the only one in UP), the enshrinement of the Sacred Relics of Sri Aurobindo took place in 1989. Due to the presence of the Sacred Relics and the dedication of the sadhaks, a noticeable spiritual ambience has been created.
As Trustees, we are only custodians of the Trust properties. Our role is very clear in that we have to maintain the properties for the original purpose for which the properties vested with the Trust. We also have to take into consideration the feelings of the inmates and devotees while making any decision.

In this regard, it would be pertinent to refer to your plans to have shrines for various Gurus and Sages within the Mandir boundaries - Sri Valmiki Swami, Sri Agastya Muni (who, incidentally, according to French researchers had established Vedapuri at what is now known as Pondicherry) and others which was mentioned.

Our Sadhanalaya, being adjacent to the Mandir, may effectively be seen as another place for spiritual pursuit for devotees and does not appear to us to be contrary to the overall purpose of the Mandir and its glory in future.

In these circumstances, it was felt by all of us that Sri Aurobindo Sadhanalaya and the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir can co-exist.

Kind regards,

[Signature]

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