

FOOD SCHEME – 2014

Dear Zoroastrian Brethren,

Season's Greetings and wishing you and your family a very happy and prosperous Jamshedi Navroze.

We are once again approaching all Zoroastrian Brethren for donation towards the **FOOD SCHEME** which we run for old and poor Members of our Community. We are fortunate to get good donations in the past, which has helped us run this facility for deserving Zoroastrians for the last many years.

The **FOOD SCHEME** is run by **MANCHERJI EDALJI JOSHI MEMORIAL TRUST** to feed the old, poor and infirm of our Community, by supervising the cooking of food and delivery of the same through Dabbawalas.

There are many old and infirm neglected by our Society – some of them by their own children and family – who are fighting for their survival and need our attention. Most of them are frail, weak and bedridden, who do not even have the strength to go to a roadside food stall. They depend on their neighbours to bring some food for them to survive.

In this world, very often, the efforts of an individual are not significant enough to make a difference. But collectively, it is possible for a group to do much more than the sum of the individual parts.

We, fortunate Zoroastrians, need to ensure that the **FOOD SCHEME** continues to operate feeding these deserving members of our Community. Thanks to the munificence and largesse of benevolent individuals and donors, we are able to tend to their daily meals. But the demand is much in excess of the funds generated and hence this Appeal. Your generous contribution will help us in reaching out to our poor brethren.

We are a Public Registered Trust registered with the Charity Commissioner under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act 1961. Amongst our Charitable activities is the **FOOD SCHEME** where the Trust undertakes to feed the old infirm / handicapped and under-privileged of our Community. You may be aware, the **FOOD SCHEME** was started in January 2003. Your generous donation will enable us to continue to feed the poor and to reach out to a larger section of these not-so-fortunate within our Community.

When we first started, we were supplying 2 meals per day, to 10 persons. Today, this service has been extended to 121 persons. As word gets around, more applicants approach

us or are referred to us and only after thorough inquiries they are added to our list of beneficiaries.

Donations over the years have increased due to the foresight of our initial donors who have put the **SCHEME** on the net and also by word of mouth, as more people get to hear about this **SCHEME**. You will however appreciate that funds are necessary to run this effectively and hence our yearly appeal to you.

The enclosed chart will give you a detailed and latest break up for the **FOOD SCHEME**, its beneficiaries, their categories and the approximate expenditure involved in feeding them.

Our accounts are duly audited and filed with the Charity Commissioner and every donor, small or big, is issued a Receipt. Donations of Rs. 5000/- and more are also sent the break-up of **FOOD SCHEME** so that they know how exactly their donation is being utilized.

On behalf of the Trust, I once again appeal to you for your generous support to our **FOOD SCHEME**.

Your donations can be made by cheque in favour of "**MANCHERJI EDALJI JOSHI MEMORIAL TRUST.**"

Further enquiries are also welcome via e-mail to : Food_aid@mejmt.org & hnd@vsnl.com

Your Donations can be sent to:

Mrs Mithoo Jesia Jesia Building 797 Jam E Jamshed Rd Parsi Colony, Dadar (E). <u>Mumbai 400 014</u> Ph : 24149571	Mrs. Tina Patel 623, Lady Jehangir Rd Parsi Colony, Dadar (E). <u>Mumbai 400 014</u> Ph : 24151354	Mr H N Daruwalla Sethna Building 2/689, Dinshaw Master Rd Parsi Colony, Dadar (E). <u>Mumbai 400 014</u> Ph : 24112330
--	---	---

Kindly give the widest possible publicity to this note, by forwarding the same to your family members and Zoroastrian friends to get maximum support for this noble cause.

Hoping to receive a favourable response from you,

With kind regards,

HOMI DARUWALLA

**LIST OF BENEFICIARIES & ESTIMATE OF YEARLY EXPENSES OF
THE FOOD SCHEME (AS ON 31ST JANUARY, 2014)**

Category	Description Of Recipients	Number Of Recipients	Annual Expenditure
A	Old, infirm and poor Zoroastrians who have no one to turn to	50	₹ 18,86,412
B	Parsee children of J.B. Vachha School for Parsi Girls, Dadar	11	₹ 40,920
C	Khandiyas, Nassesalars and Bungli Staff at Doongerwadi (Breakfast only)	20 to 31 (depending on daily attendance)	₹ 2,14,200
D	Food grains and provisions. These are given to recipients who are able to cook for their families but are in the low income group.	29	₹ 3,09,000

Approximate Total Expenditure Per Year As On 31st January 2014 – ₹ 24,50,532.

Due to inflation, the caterers have now increased their rates per meals. As of 31st January 2014, the cost of feeding one person per month comes to Rs. 3000, approximately, depending on the category in which they fall and the caterer providing the meals.

Regards

HOMI DARUWALLA