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Dear Ms. Livianna,

Greetings from I.I.H.R.D.

As we have informed you early, today I visited Pedaparimi, i.e Mr. Prathap Kumar's project village and discussed with people. In the past Mr. Prathap Kumar has helped the School going children and the village people from the financial support he obtained from an institution from U.K and also from the friends and well-wishers of his own brother (a priest) and Sister (a nun) from Australia.

I also widely held discussion with Fr. Maria Dasaiah, the Parish Priest and the correspondent of Pedaparimi School. Kindly find enclosed the scanned recommendation letter copies of Fr. Maria Dasaiah and also Photographs for your perusal.

Hence we suggest that Emmaus can consider his request positively. This is for your kind information.

Last but not the least, we have already forwarded to you the Email copies of Sr. Amal Grance and our email reply to her for your consideration.

We close our letter with your corporation. Kind regards & wishes.

J.D.T. Fernanddo,

Chairman, I.I.H.R.D.

# Pedapaarimi Parish - The Diocese Of Guntur

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To,

The Chairman  
I I H R D  
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Dear Sir,

I thank you very much, Sir for having visited our High School and location on the occasion of Mr. Pratap Kumar's application to your donor agency to purchase bi-cycles for our school children. On my behalf I recommend for the consideration of this project which will be very helpful to the poor school-going children of our nearby villages.

I hereby assure you that I will collaborate with Mr. Pratap Kumar, V.R.D.S for the successful implementation of this project and periodically report to you with photographs and necessary details whenever it is required.

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From:  
Rev. Fr. P. Dasaiah,  
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To,

Mr. Fernando,  
Chengalpattu

Greetings: May the Good Lord Jesus bless you and all your efforts in building a better society under the guidance and action of the Spirit of God.

Sub: - The Family Background and the activities of Mr. D. Pratap Kumar, the State Council President St. Vincent de Paul Society (SSVP), Central Council of Guntur, Pedaparimi (post) Thulluru Mandal, Guntur – 522 236, AP, India – Regd.

I know Mr. D. Pratap and his family for about 35 years. In fact this has been and continues to be an outstanding family in the diocese of Guntur. It has been helpful not only to any one particular Parish Priest but any priest who is appointed by the Bishop of this Diocese. The family has been fulfill not only the deserving people of this village but also the people of the neighboring villages. In fact, the late Mr. D Prakasha Rao, the father of Mr. Paratap Kumar, had been an illustrious member of this parish for more than half a century. Whenever there is any need in the parish or among the poorer sections of society irrespective of their caste or creed, the family had been and continues to be in the forefront in extending the needed support.

In fact it is due to his constant efforts that the Diocese of Guntur could get 5 acres of Village Trust land at nominal price for upgrading the then existing upper Primary RCM School into the existing St. Mary's High School in early 1978's. In fact this school provided the much needed quality education for the children not only of this village but also the neighbouring villages keeping in view of the lowest female literacy.



Due to their education practically all the brothers and sisters of Mr. D. Pratap Kumar had been out of the village. In fact two of his elder brothers and his youngest sister are Ph D holders: Dr. D. Rayanna, the eldest brother settled in Hyderabad had been involved in the upliftment of the poorer sections of the society in different corporations of Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam and even at Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh through DFID Consultancy Services. His wife worked as an aided teacher in Hyderabad and presently retired. They have a son who is in USA for about seven years and daughter who is well settled in Australia for about five years.

The second brother Rev Fr. Dr. D. Showraiah, SJ was ordained a priest in 1981 during that time I myself had been there and witnessed the first ordination ceremony of a Priest and that too a Jesuit in this 100 year old parish. On that occasion so many Priests and Sisters and other dignitaries, in and around villages were present. This priest had been a lecturer, Vice-Principal, Rector, Principal and Correspondent of Andhra Loyola Collage Vijayawada. He also had been the Principal of Loyola Degree College (YSR) Pulivendla and did extremely well and won the appreciation of the then CM Late M.r Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy for planting more than 10,000 trees on the college campus on a hillock and he even released a brochure on tree plantation at that time.

Rev. Fr. D. Showraiah, SJ had been appointed as the Executive Council Member of the S.V. University, Tirupathi by the then Vice Chancellor. After his retirement he went on a sabbatical to USA for a year. On his return to India once again he was appointed Correspondent of his 'alma mater' – Andhra Loyola College - to start an engineering college – Andhra Loyola Institute of Engineering and Technology (ALIET). He even took classes for the Engineering students on value education. He was called to Hyderabad to assume the office Province Coordinator, Alumni Association, AP.


The third one to do Ph D from his family is his youngest sister by name Dr. D.M. Rani, Ph D in Social work who had been a staff member and was even appointed HOD of the concerned Department at Maris Stella College, Vijayawada,



until she left for Australia about ten years ago. She is happily settled there with her family.

Third brother Mr. D. George had been a Government employee in a Junior college and worked in different places and finally retired. Both his children are well settled – the son married and settled in Australia. His daughter got married and settled in Khammam with a Govt job.

The fifth brother did his M Sc Physics at Andhra University and specialized in Instrumentation and settled down in Hyderabad for more than two decades. He has two daughters the eldest completed her B Tec and is well placed in a Company. The second daughter is doing her 2<sup>nd</sup> year Inter in Hyderabad itself.



Now coming to the concerned candidate the fourth son Mr. D. Pratap Kumar, I have not much to say about his education qualifications. He studied upto Intermediate class and opted to help out his dad in cultivating the family lands. He has two sons well settled and elder son studied M.Tech in IIT, Chennai selected for Goldman Sachs Bank New York and younger one studied in MBA from Ernakulam and selected for Manager, HDFC Bank. Now both are started their own Educational Consultancy Company for B.Tech, MBA etc. He is a man of God who hears the voice of God in the poor and the needy, the nameless, the unwanted, the underdog, the left out and the un-cared for, the sick, the old, etc. etc. ... In fact it is Mr. D. Pratap Kumar had been the backbone of the family by continuing the family's traditional role – the agricultural work. Along with his dear late dad Mr Pratap supported his brothers and sisters as they were staying away from the village studying and or working.

When there was an acute shortage of drinking water problem in the village, it was Mr. D. Pratap Kumar who extended the full support to the then Parish Priest, Rev Fr. K. Satyananda in taking various steps to mitigate the drinking water problem. He also mobilized some of the tractor owners of the village in the process of deepening the village water tank. When the Nagarjunasagar canal feeding the village water tank was clogged with mud and bushes obstructing the flow of water, he got involved in clearing the way for the smooth flow of water into the village drinking water tank.



A boy hailing from Pedaparimi of 'BC' origin, highly intelligent candidate was unable to pursue his studies though he got a free engineering seat at Andhra University. It was at the intervention of Mr. D. Pratap, the candidate was extended the needed financial support by all his brothers including one of his brothers in law. This took place on the occasion of the Church Feast – the Annunciation. The concerned candidate secured a good job and was getting married. It was on that occasion when two of Dasari family members were present. The concerned candidate was received a big sum of money as dowry. On that occasion Mr. D. Pratap Kumar along with Fr. D. Showraiah, S.J. suggested to the candidate to look for some deserving poor candidates and help them in whatever way he could. What an act of generosity!

When the cyclone hit a number of the coastal villages in 1990s Mr. D. Pratap went along with some volunteers in distributing blankets, roof top materials etc to a number of deserving families hailing from SC, ST and B.C groups. Even a few Muslims, Reddys and Kammars of low economic background. The places covered in this connection include in Pedaparimi, Mangalagiri, Thulluru, Nekkallu, Anantharam, Kuragallu, Neerukonda, Repalle etc. (mention the village names accurately)

Mr. D. Pratap had been giving scholarships to the deserving students who could not avail the Government Scholarships. He did contribute to those students who were studying in High School, Intermediate, Degree and even PG, Pharmacy, Engineering, in Guntur, Chirala, Bapatla, Ongole, Nellore, Vijayawada and Pulivendla, day scholars as well as hostellers. These activities are supported by the evidence of photographs as shown.

Mr. D. Pratap Kumar established an excellent rapport with more than 100 odd conferences as the President the Vincent de Paul Society. He did have an excellent rapport with the people of the place as a down to earth and compassionate person. He had been in touch with the reality – especially with the lower strata of society as a farmer, as a person hailing from an excellent Catholic rural agricultural family background, he could vibrate with everyone in need but also knew how to dodge those of greed. Mr. D Pratap Kumar is a man of few

words but a man of action. How true it is to say with regard to him that actions speak louder than his words.

I am grateful to you for deposing confidence and asking me to frankly to give my views on the family background and works undertaken by Mr. D. Pratap Kumar. I try to give as impartially as possible according to my conscience.

May the God of mercies who began a good and deserving work in this person, his companions and co-workers and benefactors of Mr. D. Pratap Kumar continue the tree of his good work take deep roots and flourish with multitude of shoots and branches spreading its fragrance and yielding abundant fruits with the fragrance of God'd loving mercy and compassion.

Yours faithfully,

*Fr. P. M. Dasaiah*  
21/10/2014

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