

On Sudevi's first thread (early March, now deleted) Damodara Maharaja made this comment:

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After Syamarani Didi released the statement with the Bharati Maharaja interview, the others at KBM asked Damodara Maharaja to explain his comment. The devotee who had contacted Maharaja then chose to not be anonymous anymore:

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**Madan Gopal Das:**

All Glory to Sree Guru and Gauranga.

I was requested by the members of Krishna Balaram temple Seva kunjia to make a statement in regard to the following Srila BV Damodar Maharaj's comment on Sudevi's thread

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1 March at 03:36 ·

I was forwarded the link to this thread by one devotee (not Srila BV Damodar Maharaj) and when I saw the discussion was going on (it was in beginning phase and I had no idea to what dimension this discussion will eventually go), I just sent private chat message to Srila BV Damodar Maharaj (whom I know from before) which he just copy-pasted as it is seen above.

I'm a disciple of HDG Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaj and I know Srila Bhakti Vijnan Bharati Maharaj since 1999. I heard him speak the glories of Srila AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaj during general Harikathas on stage during different Kartiks on his disappearance days. Maharaj also spoke to me about Srila Swami Maharaj a few times during private conversations because he knew him personally. He never spoke about svarup/rasa of Srila Swami Maharaj during these open Harikathas or my private conversations with him. **It was in year 2009 in Chandigarh during Kartik that I asked Maharaj during our private conversation about the rasa of Srila Swami Maharaj because I saw some devotees discussing this on the internet. I told to Maharaj that I saw some devotees are saying Srila Swami Maharaj is in sakhya rasa, and asked him if it is true. Srila Maharaj immediately answered to me, he (Srila Swami Maharaj) himself told this in his poem on Jaladuta.** I was not presenting him Jaladuta poem, Maharaj knew about this from before.

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Madan Gopal Prabhu was then questioned about this, since it seems to contradict what Bharati Maharaja said in the interview. Madan Gopal answers:

Madan Gopal Das:

I'm adding explanation of what I wrote, because I have been contacted by a disciple of Srila Narayan Maharaj who is now taking siksa from Srila Bharati Maharaj. First I will put her objections or misunderstandings and then my answers. Since after hearing these answers, she was pacified and she requested me to add them to my statement, I'm now sharing it here for others who might also thought in the same way.

1. Why are you supporting KB mandir since Srila Bharati Maharaj said on the tape that we should avoid them?

My statement was not about "supporting" KB mandir, but to show that Srila Damodar Maharaj was not lying in that comment (as many devotees were stating), but was just copy pasting what I wrote to him. As I understand, in the tape Srila Bharati Maharaj is not saying that we should avoid KB mandir members, but that he will not answer to their statements. And I have heard from KB members that what Shyamarani Mataji presented to Srila Bharati Maharaj as KB statements were actually not their statements. You can ask her based on what she presented them as such to Srila Bharati Maharaj. Moreover, Bv Suddhadvaiti Swami wrote on FB that next day they called Srila Bharati Maharaj and explained through his sevak Sundarananda pr. that those were not KB statements and Srila Bharati Maharaj answered that he has nothing against KB, but just doesn't want to discuss this subject.

2. Srila Bharati Maharaj said that he never spoke about rasa of Srila Swami Maharaj, but your statement says differently.

My statement actually confirms what Srila Bharati Maharaj said. I wrote that I never heard Srila Maharaj speaking about rasa of Srila Swami Maharaj when he was speaking about his glories on his disappearance days during Kartiks or in private conversations. And when I asked him about it in 2009, Srila Maharaj was not answering anything from his own idea (not crossing adhikar as he said in the tape), but just answered what Srila Swami Maharaj said about his own rasa in Jaladuta poem.

If anyone has any further objections or questions I will be glad to answer.

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