

December 17, 2012

To: recipients of the cargo sent by WC4SL.
Cancer Hospital Charity Drive, Kandy
Organizaton for Skills Dev. and Social Assistance(OSDASA)
Red Lotus.

c/o Ms. T. N. Mathew
118 Barnes Place
Colombo 7, Sri Lanka

Dear Ms Mathew

The shipment of cargo, consisting of wheel chairs, walkers, crutches, and several boxes of medical boxes (containing diabetic diapers, pumps, syringes etc.), collected as donations from Canadians living here, have been shipped from Ottawa Canada on the 6th of November, and unloaded in Colombo on the 14th of December. Although the bill of landing has been written to you for convenience, please note that the consignment is to be divided into three groups, viz., (i) Kandy cancer hospital (ii) Red Lotus charity (iii) OSDASA. The boxes destined for OSDASA have been labeled as such, with contents listed, while the remainder is meant to be divided between Kandy and Red Lotus according to their immediate needs, or as convenient.

A rough list of the items shipped (correct to within about 10%) was prepared and given to the shipping agent here in Ottawa. We had four garages of items, but I could not visit two of them to get a count, and was relying on guesses and what was reported. So the problem about the number of wheel chairs, walkers etc., is really due to the shortcomings of our organization in Ottawa. The rough list that we had is as follows:

items garage	Ottawa Rohan	Barhev Nandana	Orleans Viresh	Kanata Shahan
Wheelchairs [fixed & foldable]	6	18	5-7?	5 ? 15?
Walkers	0	13	4	6
Crutches+canes	2	5	2	4
toilet chairs	0	2	-	-
Bed rests	1	0	-	-
boxes (Medical - diapers, syringes etc)	-	3	-	2
(spare parts)	-	1		

According to this list, we have,
wheel chairs=32 or 46; walkers=23
pairs-of-crutches/canes=13
toilet-chairs=2, bed-rests=1
medical boxes=5, WC-parts-box=1;

there were in addition, two boxes from the Monk Hemalankara, with some clothing items for a temple in Anuradhapura. If those boxes got taxed, there is no way to collect from the monk.

You have received 33 wheel chairs and 23 walkers, in addition to other items like crutches and medical boxes.

We had said that the costs could be divided roughly three ways, assuming that the goods would also go in the same proportion. However, now we can make a better evaluation.

I count one wheel chair as equal to two walkers in terms of costs, but ignore crutches. So we have:

- OSDASA, took 18 chairs and 13 walkers=49, 3 medical boxes.
- Kandy, took 16 chairs and 8 walkers=40, 2 medical boxes.
- Red Lotus, 6 chairs and 6 walkers=18

So I think we have to be fair by red lotus who should not be called upon to carry a large cost while receiving little.

Expenses

We tentatively talked of dividing everything three ways, but I think that is not entirely fair since the goods have not been divided equally three ways. Here is my suggestion.

1. The medical boxes customs duties =Rs 21,730; Hence OSDASA's share= Rs 13038, Kandy = Rs. 8692, Red Lotus =0, assuming they did not take medical boxes.
2. Warehouse charges; Rs 69,000; Hence OSDASA's share =Rs 31,598, Kandy=Rs 25,794 RedLotus=Rs 11,607.48

Totals

1. total for OSDASA = Rs 44,636.13
2. total for Kandy = Rs 34,486.39
3. total for RedLotus = Rs 11,607.48
4. Grand Total = Rs 90,730

So I think both OSDASA and Kandy owe money to Red Lotus. I will make a private donation of Rs 10,000, and see if we can send out a hat collection to raise some more money from here during Christmas time. Sharmini can also hopefully raise some funds from local friends? We (i.e., W4SL) will try to send what ever we collect through my sister Mali Kannagara who lives in Vancouver who will arrive in Colombo on the 29th Dec - that way we save the cost of a wire transfer. As both OSDASA and Kandy Cancer charity owe money to RedLotus Mali can give the funds to Hema or Buddhika at the Sarala Rd office. Meanwhile, both OSDASA and Kandy owe to Red Lotus and they should settle as much as possible, and rapidly.

I think we have to make the following settlements.

- OSDASA - Channa owes Rs 11,400 (Rs. 44,636-33,200)
- Kandy - Sharmini owes Rs 34,486 rather than Rs. 30,000
- RedLotus will get back what ever Buddhika paid minus Rs 11,607.48

With best wishes

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