

Hare Krishna dear GBC members,

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

We the undersigned write to express our deep disappointment with the current and indeed ongoing lack of authority of Srila Prabhupada's Governing Body Commission.

As we know, Srila Prabhupada established the GBC as the ultimate managerial authority in ISKCON. Unfortunately, from all indications and evidence, the GBC's authority has been severely eroded over many years. It's now apparent that that due to ultimatums from the India Bureau, the GBC has become subservient to that body on any and all matters of importance to the Bureau.

Specific to but not limited to, the recent decision regarding Vaisnavis initiating in ISKCON, this situation has been going on for over twenty years. As extensive dialog and mediation has proved ineffective, as the GBC's Sastric Advisory Committee and the SABHA supported the 2019 GBC resolution to allow Vaisnavis to initiate disciples, we feel obliged to allow VDGs in our UK Yatra if the GBC has not concluded this issue by the midterm meeting of 2026.

The last thing we want is be in dispute with the GBC body, but due to you abdicating your authority to others on key issues, you have placed us in a position where we currently see little or no alternative. Thankfully there is still time for the GBC body to take the lead, assert their authority and rectify the situation. Please also know that the issue of Vaisnavis initiating is merely the tip of the iceberg; the main issue is the ever increasing erosion of the GBC's authority. If that is not reversed it is only a matter of time before the GBC has little or no authority at all.

Thus we implore you, our honoured GBC members, to reassert the authority invested in you by Srila Prabhupada. Stand firm. Do not relinquish the authority given to you by Srila Prabhupada. Do not surrender to a group that has never been remotely recognised as the highest authority of ISKCON by our Founder Acharya.

Thank you.

Your servants,
The UK Yatra Leadership

