



## Chinmaya Vibhooti, Kolwan

### General Rules for Sponsorship, Use and Occupation of Cottages and Rooms

1. Anyone desirous of having spiritual retreats in the sacred and serene atmosphere of the Ashram at Chinmaya Vibhooti, for short periods, may apply to **Central Chinmaya Mission Trust** for sponsorship and thereby use and occupation of cottage or room.
2. A cottage/ room may be used and occupied, subject to availability and at the sole discretion of the Trustees under the following conditions:
  - a) The applicant shall pay a donation specifically to the Corpus of the Trust as may be determined by the Trustees, to help cover a part of the cost of construction, furniture and fittings.
  - b) No alterations, additions or modifications shall be carried out to any structure or element of cottage/ room, without the written permission of the Trustees/ Management of the Trust and such approved works shall only be undertaken by a suitable contractor approved and appointed by the Trust.
3. The sponsorship, use and occupation of cottage/ room by a donor does not confer on him/ her any ownership/ leasehold or any proprietary right or title, as such over the cottage/ room. It simply entitles the preferential facility to stay in the cottage/ room, which shall be non-transferable or non-assignable except as provided herein. Consequently, it is not intended to create any tenancy or any other allied rights save and except what is stated herein.
4. On the demise of both the donor and his/her spouse, the Trust will have the right and discretion to allow any new sponsor the right to use and occupy the cottage/ room concerned, on such terms as the Trustees may in their sole discretion deem fit.
5. When the donor or spouse is not using the cottage/ room, the Trustees will have the sole discretion to allow any other person(s) to use and occupy the same and no objections shall be entertained. In case of camps and other gatherings when the attendance is large and in case the sponsor and his/ her spouse attend(s) such a camp or gathering, it will be expected that the sponsor will not object to taking up additional persons in the room/cottage. This will be only in case of absolute necessity.
6. The donor and/ or spouse can temporarily stay in the cottage/ room, whenever they wish, but intimation regarding their intended arrival and period of stay should be given to the Trust at least a fortnight in advance each time.
7. All residents in the cottage/ room will avail of the food services provided at Annashree at the Chinmaya Vibhooti campus. They will also follow the usual disciplines of the Annashree. Towards the cost of such food services, they make a suitable contribution. No cooking of food or catered food from outside sources will be permitted inside the

Chinmaya Vibhooti campus, cottages or rooms. However, heating water, or making tea or coffee, will be allowed, if desired. Smoking and consumption of liquor or non-vegetarian food are strictly prohibited in order to maintain the sanctity and discipline of the Ashram life.

8. If any additional electrical appliance, such as air-conditioner, refrigerator etc is desired by a donor he/ she will need to obtain permission of the Trustees for such an installation. In case such permission is granted by the Trustees, the installation will have to be done in coordination with and/ or with involvement of the Chinmaya Vibhooti Management, and the entire cost thereof will have to be borne by the sponsor. The sponsor will also be expected to pay for the additional cost to cover for the power consumption.

9. All residents are expected to participate in and take advantage of the spiritual and religious programmes in the Ashram, viz, the discourses on Upanishads, Bhagawad Geeta and other scriptures in the campus, and meditation sessions, aarati and satsang in any of the temples for fostering their own spiritual advancement.

10. Visits from Donors' friends and relations are allowed only during day light hours. They will not be allowed to use and occupy the cottage/ room overnight. Their overnight stay, if desired, will be subject to availability and the approval of management, upon observance of prevailing rules for other residents.

11. Cottage/ room donors may keep their linen, clothes or other personal belongings in a storeroom/ small lockable cupboard, which may be locked by the occupants and keys retained by them. However, they shall leave the keys to the entrance doors of the cottage/ room with the Chinmaya Vibhooti office while leaving the campus. The authorities shall be at liberty to open and/ or allow other persons to use and occupy the cottage/ room in the absence of the donor concerned.

12. In case of unbecoming or improper behaviour on the part of cottage/ room donor or spouse, the Trustees may notify them suitably and thereupon they shall be bound forthwith to surrender the cottage/ room to the Trustees peacefully and quietly. No compensation shall be payable there of. The decision of the Trustees shall in such case, be final and binding on all concerned.

13. As the cottage/ room facility is mainly intended to mobilise resources for furthering the objects of the Trust, and as the payment made (vide clause 2) is in the form of a donation to the Corpus of the Trust, the amount shall not be liable to be refunded under any circumstances. No application for refund of the amount will therefore, be entertained by the Trustees.

14. The cottages/rooms are intended for the retreat during the camps and or other visits and are not for permanent stay. The Donors can come and stay there any time with prior notice of a fortnight in advance. However the use of the same shall be limited to about 30 days in a year counted in a cumulative manner.

15. For all other matters not covered above, the decision of the Board of Trustees would be final and binding on all.