**STATEMENT OF MANANT VAIDYA**

GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MANANT VAIDYA. TODAY IS ANOTHER SAD DAY IN MY LIFE. I LOST MY PARENTS, PANNAGESH AND HANSINI; MY SISTER, KOSHA; MY BROTHER-IN-LAW, PRERIT; AND MY NIECES, ASHKA AND ANUSHKA, TWO YOUNG TEENAGERS. IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT MY ENTIRE FAMILY WAS WIPED OUT IN AN INSTANT INCIDENT IN SUCH A HORRIFIC WAY. I STILL CRY AND MY WIFE HIRAL STILL CRIES WHEN WE THINK OF THE HORROR OF THE LAST MOMENTS OF OUR LOVED ONES LIVES. IT IS AFFECTING MY FAMILY AND IS VERY HARD. MY DAUGHTER MANSAVI, WAS SITTING IN AN EXAM AND SHE COULD NOT DO WELL AS SHE STARTED CRYING DURING THE TEST. WHILE DRIVING WITH MY WIFE, WE SUDDENLY GET TEARS IN MY EYSE. I AM BEEN NOW MORE LIKE A ROBOT NOW JUST FOLLOWING DAILY ROUTINE.

MY SISTER AND BROTHER IN LAW HAD SAVED UP FOR YEARS TO MAKE THIS A MEMORABLE TRIP FOR THE FAMILY. THEY WERE HEADING TO A SAFARI IN KENYA. THEY WANTED TO SPEND TIME TOGETHER AS A FAMILY, DOING FUN THINGS. INSTEAD, THEY ALL DIED TOGETHER BECAUSE OF THE INSENSITIVITY AND GREED OF THE MAKER OF A PLANE AND OTHERS WHO DIDN’T CARE ABOUT THE VERY PASSENGERS THEY PROMISED TO PROTECT WHEN THAT PLANE AND SO MANY LIKE THEM FLEW PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD.

I AM HERE TO GET ANSWERS. I OWE THAT TO MY FAMILY THAT DIED THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY. I HAVE NOTHING LEFT OF THEM TO CREMATE. INSTEAD OF HEARING THEM TELL STORIES OF ALL THE ADVENTURES THEY WERE EXPECTING, THERE IS SILENCE. THERE IS TOTAL SILENCE NOW. MY WIFE HIRAL AND I WILL NO LONGER BE SILENT.