

The case of X Maharaja

This is a statement given to me by Dhira Govinda Prabhu, the first CPO director. It was not included in the book, but I include it here on the website as it informs us of how the GBC dealt with certain instances of child abuse, namely protecting their high profile friends who abuse children. As he suggested, I have not named names, referring to him simply as X Maharaja, but Sanaka Rsi, in his second Cost of Silence video does indeed name names.

Consider also including mention of the case of X Maharaja (I am not suggesting that you use his name). The case of X Maharaja was the only case that the GBC specifically told me, "Don't touch this." That is, they didn't want the CPO dealing with this case. This was because X Maharaja was like a poster boy for ISKCON . . . etc. But, as months and years went on, devotees from various sectors would ask me, in my capacity of CPO Director, about the case of this Maharaja. During my years in that service I had a few personal conversations with X Maharaja. I actually felt bad for him, because I could see that he wanted to be more honest and forthcoming that he was, but he was feeling pressure to not do so. He had inappropriately touched an 11 year old girl. That of course enraged the family, and the girl (now grown woman), and severely exacerbating the situation was the GBC's blatant cover-up and concealment of what happened.