

Chapter 19

Accepted the Case of Kesar Bhagat

Then, Swamishri visited Radhu and Purushottampura before celebrating the festival of Jal-Jhilani in Sarangpur.

In October 1953 (*Aso sud*, V.S. 2009), Swamishri traveled to Kanthariya, Chachana, Bhoyka, Gadhada, and Adval before celebrating the new moon festival at Narayan Dharo. From here, Swamishri traveled to Mojidad. Kesar Bhagat, a good devotee, stayed in Mojidad's mandir and served Guru Ganesh Bhakta. Kesar Bhagat suffered from abdominal colic, a painful abdominal disorder that had not responded to any treatment. Thus, Kesar Bhagat had become uninterested in remaining in this world. When Swamishri came, he held onto Swamishri's feet and said, "It is in your hands to cure this ailment, but I don't want it cured. I no longer have any desires of this world. Both my sons, Rambhai and Ghanshyambhai, are more than

capable of taking over my worldly affairs. Moreover, I have firm conviction in Akshar Purushottam *upasana*, and I understand you to be the gateway to liberation. So, please take me to Akshardham right now.”

Swamishri said, “Let us chant the *dhun* that you are cured of this illness.”

Kesar Bhagat replied, “I don’t want to be cured of this illness, I want to be cured of the primordial illness of bondage in the cycle of births and deaths. Please take me to Akshardham so that I am instantly cured of that eternal illness. Maharaj listens to you. You have completely earned Maharaj’s favor, and he will do as you wish. So, I am placing my plea at your holy feet.”

Hearing these earnest words of supplication from his devotee, Swamishri said, “Nobody asks for this. You are blessed that you are asking for Akshardham!”

Then, Swamishri asked for Harikrishna Maharaj’s *murti* that had been sanctified by

Gunatitanand Swami. He held the *murti* of Harikrishna Maharaj on Kesar Bhagat's head and said, "Tomorrow at 10 a.m., Maharaj will come to take you to Akshardham."

Swamishri left the village that evening, and just as he said, the next morning, Kesar Bhagat left this world for Akshardham.

From here, Swamishri traveled to Limbdi and Vadhwan before reaching Gondal on Dashera. Then at the request of Premjibhai Pabari of Africa, Swamishri went to his village of Galodar.