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Laxman Kacheswar Jakadi (alias) Nanumama or NanuBhatt Poojari, Brahmin, Yajurvedi, a aged 40, Shirdi says:

I have been doing Baba's pooja and arati of Sai Baba all these years. I began it even in Baba's life time as assistant to Bapu Saheb Jog. It was in 1914 I came here. My sister's husband Bapaji was here. I had occasionally visited him first. One night while I was at Sangamnere, Sai Baba appeared to me in my dream and said 'Boy, are you sleeping? Do not stop here. Come to Shirdi. There is plenty of fun at Shirdi'. In the morning, Bapajis' father had come to our village and he invited me to go over to Shirdi to assist him. I went over to Shirdi and for a short time, I stayed with him. I worked for my bread by touring into villages round about Shirdi with my Bikshuki service, and helping Bapuji in Sai Baba worship at the Mandir. After some years (say 1 or 2) of free (i.e.) unpaid voluntary pooja of Baba I was appointed by the S.Committee as the permanent poojari.