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**9th December, 1936**

Tukaram Barku, Aged 40, Mahar, Landlord, Shirdi says:

I have had some experiences of Sai Baba personally. In 1912, when water was first let into the Godavari Canals here, I was starting from Karanjigaon, a village twenty miles off to get some work and thereby to maintain myself. At the very start when I was in this village on the Kopergaon road. Baba met me on his way to Lendi or back from Lendi garden. He put his arm round my neck and said "Do not go." I disregarded this advice and went to the said village. The day after I reached it, I had fever that continued for a long time. Working for bread was out of question and I had to depend upon the kindness of some relations there to look after me. After 15 days of such fever, I felt strong enough to get back to Shirdi. But even here I was suffering from fever for about 45 days. Then I asked my mother to get me Baba's Udhi. It was applied to me and the very next day the fever ceased.

