

THE NATIONAL PHYSICAL LABORATORY.

V. CADAMBE,
ASSISANT DIRECTOR.

UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS,
DELHI.

DATED 17th November 19 48.

Dear Sir Krishnan,

I believe Dr.Mathur has been forwarding you the lists of machine tools and testing machines which we want to procure for our Laboratory from the United Kingdom. All these days we were banking upon the Disposals to release at least a few of the machines selected by me in the 501 T.N.Depot, Panagarh. Now Dr.K.N.Mathur informs me that there is no chance of our getting any from the Disposals.

Dr.Mathur and I thought that we should place an order with the D.G. I & S at least for our immediate requirements and in the meanwhile, we received your letter giving us hope that there would be possibility of our getting a few machines from the Disposals in U.K. Accordingly, I prepared two lists, one for machine tools and the other for testing machines to be forwarded to you immediately. I hope by now you have received these lists.

May I request you to ascertain from the N.P.L. at Teddington the testing machines which they would like to recommend for our purpose? It is my intention, however, to have representative testing machines from leading manufacturers such as Amslers, Avery and Tinius Olsen.

I hope you are having a very enjoyable tour both in the U.K. as well as in the continent. Sir S.S.Bhatnagar has not yet returned to India. I understand that he will be here by the end of this week or latest by the end of this month.

Now that winter has set in here, the weather is very pleasant. Things are, as usual, going on smoothly in the N.P.L. Please do drop me a line if you find time.

P.T.O.

Camp, Calcutta.

15th June 1948.

Dear Sir Krishnan,

Perhaps you have by now returned from Bangalore and I hope the trip must have been quite pleasant.

In Tatas, there was a strike, resulting in the termination of the services of all the Security staff, and therefore it has not been possible for me to inspect their stores as the godowns are still kept closed. I understand within the next four or five days the Stores will be reopened when I shall be able to reserve whatever machinery available for our Laboratory.

Since last two weeks, Calcutta was experiencing sweltering heat, and it was not quite comfortable for me to move about. However, I have kept up to my tour programme. In Cossipore I could not find much to select for our workshop.

Dr. Mathur has written to me to go over to Panagarh to visit the Disposal Depot. I shall try my best to visit Panagarh, provided I get transportation facilities.

I am expecting to be in Delhi latest by the middle of next week.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

V. Cadambe

(V. Cadambe)

Sir K.S. Krishnan, D.Sc., F.R.S.,
Director, National Physical Laboratory,
University Buildings,
Delhi.

Camp, Calcutta.

9th June 1948.

Dear Sir Krishnan,

I arrived in Calcutta on Sunday last and no one from the Cosmopolitan Club came to the Station. My friend Mr. Rao had made arrangements for me in the Komala Villas where I am staying at present. I shall be contacting Mr. Swami this evening. I am told the Cosmopolitan Club is full.

2. So far I could visit the Mathematical Instrument Office and the Alipore Test House and Cossipore Signal Depot. Mr. T.D. Srinivasan has come back to Cossipore Depot. All the stuff ordered by you last year are still lying there, and due to one reason or the other, Mr. Srinivasan says he could not despatch them to Delhi at an early date, and now the Army Officers who have been deputed to make selection for the Indian Army, seem to have gone through our list and they have placed a ban even on the delivery of the stores, although the deal was concluded long before the general ban came into force. In this connection, I have addressed a letter to Dr. Mathur to take necessary steps to get the release from the Army Officers in Delhi, and also we have to approach the Railway Board for obtaining priority to procure wagons.

3. During the course of this week and next week, I believe I will be able to visit Brooklyn Depot where there seems to be a large quantity of machinery and small tools. I do not know whether I will be successful to get the right type of machines for doing precision work in our Laboratory. I shall also contact a few commercial firms who are dealing in machinery.

4. I do not propose to make a final selection of machine tools till I return to Delhi, though for all practical purposes, if I come across the right type, I may have them reserved for us. I understand that there are few machine tools available in Jubbulpore, Avadi and Bombay, and after seeing all these places I will make a final selection of machines in consultation with you, which are available in India.

5. It is very hot in Calcutta and very uncomfortable to move about.

6. I hope you have had a nice trip to Bangalore.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

V. Cadambe
(V. Cadambe)

Sir K.S. Krishnan, D.Sc., F.R.R.,
Director, National Physical Laboratory,
University Buildings,
New Delhi.