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Dear Doctor Krishnan,

After a long spell, I have taken the liberty of writing to you.

You are already aware of my sad plight of a service of 25 years being thrown to the winds by the wanton application of rules to a refugee from western Pakistan, Karachi, Sind with the added penalty to my innocent option of Pakistan 'finally' not with the idea of annexing India, by my undue love for Pakistan, but with the sole idea of improving my status, rank and pay. India could not appreciate my boldness or could give credit to the risk to which I was subjected to. India, after appointment, and after the lapse of six months wanted to dismiss me for my option though they knew it at the very start but Shri. C. Rajagopalachari in his capacity of Governor General asked Shri. H. V. R. Iyengar,

Ministry of Home Affairs not to approve  
of the proposal of the Ministry of Defence.  
With the exit of both, the communal  
elements retired me wrongly. This was  
again set right by Mr. H. U. R. Sengupta  
but he himself could not prevent  
my re-employment instead of reinstatement.  
Again in 1956, it was represented to Shri.  
B. N. Datar that from 1952 to 1956, I had  
seven extensions. He was overwhelmed  
by the number of extensions & ordered my  
retirement at once, again wrongly and  
with only 10 months & 16 days to serve.

These wrongs have cost me  
very dearly. India and Pakistan are  
denying / delaying my claims to pension/  
gratuity / other assets including provident  
fund. From 1956, I am struggling for  
existence with translation work in hand,  
family commitments & son's education.

The translation work done on  
behalf of Russians went to waste and  
has gone with the wind. Two books are  
under print & God only knows when  
they will come out. The Russians, true

their creed backed out of their promise & the press who have already done some spadework will neither go forward nor deny their commitment and send back the M.S. The only gratification is that my son passed his matric in I class in 1957/58 & Pre-university course in 1958/59 again in I class & is now in B.Sc at Bangalore.

I had gone to Bhabra nagal for some service and stayed there for a year. I have now come back and is on the translation of Dr. S. N. Sen's '1857' into Kannada. I have to pay a royalty of Rs 90/- to the Govt of India to enable them to confirm the translation & publication rights on me. The small job I am holding in the Vidya Peeth only enables me with some further addition from other sources to keep my son's education going by remitting Rs 80 to 100 every month.

You have been one of my benefactors and you have helped me by a contribution of Rs 10/- in 1957-58 & Rs 3/- in 1958-59. I can only encroach on your generosity to a sum of Rs 7/- at the most and in the present crisis, I shall be highly obliged if you can be so kind,

as to remit the amount or any sum you  
think best in the circumstances of my case  
I hope and believe that with the grant of  
a Scholarship to my son for which there are  
better signs of luck, I shall not be a burden  
any further on your finances.

I am busy with my schoolwork  
from 8 AM to 6 P.M. and the other time left  
is taken up in other duties including the translation.  
I do not want to disturb people in their peace  
at home.

Yours faithfully  
BR Rao