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Priy Pandurang, namaskar!

Kya hal hain? Bahut dinon se kuchh nahin bole! Having said that, I've hardly been a correspondent par excellence! Koi bat nahin. How is your work going? I read with interest your article on the parallel Chipko movement in Manushi some time back. Indirectly, that's what I want to talk to you about, or more specifically, the work you are currently undertaking in forestry and environmental issues. But first let me fill you in on what I'm doing and planning to do.

I'm currently working on a research-action project with a colleague, Mike Hall, which aims to assess certain aspects of the British Bilateral Aid Programme to India.

Our programme includes a field trip to India over the period 7 July, '85 to the end of September, '85: this involves visiting a cross-section of projects (capital aid and voluntary sector projects) in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Karnatak. This is to be done in collaboration with various groups: Rakesh and his friends are giving us their support, indeed, Rakesh will be accompanying us on our touring programme.

Having collated information on the social, environmental and economic impact of these projects (see the enclosed itinerary of our visit and the list of projects to be visited), we will then channel it to groups in this country who are campaigning on issues such as aid, trade, multi-nationals and international finance.

In essence these are the principal aims and objectives: I will post on a copy of our project proposal upon my arrival. However, you will note that we plan to visit Karnatak and review a social (farm) forestry project c. 22 August.

To date we have obtained quite a lot of information on this project and have been provided with a number of contacts both here and in India. Although nothing has been finalised as yet, we are planning to visit Dharwar to meet up with 'Nayajeevan' and SR Hiramath.

We would like to know if we can meet in Bangalore c. 22 August to discuss the social forestry programme (or anywhere else convenient to you for that matter) and perhaps you would consider accompanying us to Dharwar.

Any contacts in Bangalore would be most helpful and information pertaining to social forestry.

Please reply to the above address or failing this to Rakesh, Kassera Mohalla, H/bad or Ardhendu Chatterjee, Service Centre, 18B Gariahat Rd(S) Calcutta. Can you also supply me with your B/lore address?

I look forward to meeting you again, Pandurang. Will telegram.

Tumhara dost,

Stephen Percy.

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May 24, 1995

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Dear Steve Percy,

Greetings from Sirsi!

What a surprise to know that you are in Panos. Do you remember we met in Sirsi for a short while? At that time you had come to know more about ODA funded forestry project.

At the moment there is a lot of spicy material on ODA funded Western Ghat Forestry Project. We have been fighting against the devastation caused by ODA funds in our district. It has destroyed our ecology and uprooted poorest people. I am enclosing paper cutting on our campaign against ODA.

I need your assistance in:

- Launching Campaign in UK on ODA Forestry Project.
- Can you send documents on ODA? I have heard that you have written on ODA funded project. Please send the material.
- Provide address and contacts in UK who can be of help in this campaign.

Looking forward to hear from you soon.

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July 7, 1995

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Dear Steve Percy,

I hope you received my letter of May 24, 1995 and paper
clippings on ODA Forestry Project.

We need your assistance in handling ODA. It will be useful
if you can send your book on ODA. Will it be useful if I
visit UK to campaign on the adverse impact of the project?
Is it possible for you to help us in getting the contact
address of groups/organisations who can help us in this
campaign?

Looking forward to your response,

Best wishes,

Pandurang