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93-A, RASHBEHARI AVENUE,
CALCUTTA-26.

19 MAY 1959

The Secretary,
Ministry of Communications,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

Commemoration Stamps.

You may probably be aware of our activities in the literary and cultural fields for the last 19 years. The Sangham, as you know, is purely a literary and cultural body, bearing the name of the late Sri Subramania Bharathi, Poet and Patriot of South India, and having as its objectives for disseminating ancient Tamil culture & literature and absorbing what is best in other realms of culture and literature.

The purpose of this letter is to put forward certain suggestions in regard to the commemoration stamps that your Ministry is publishing from time to time. While we welcome your policy of bringing out stamps our important illusions of eminent men who had distinguished themselves in different walks of life and bringing them in remembrance of all our countrymen, we feel that men like Tagore, Subramania Bharathi, V.V.S.Iyer, V.O.Chidambaram Pillai, Deshabandu C.R.Das etc. who had something to do for uplifting our country's honour, shall find a place. We are stressing this because such a step in the part of the Government would be applauded by one and all as the Government would be suitably recognising their services to the country and keeping their names ever green in the memory of our countrymen in ages to come.

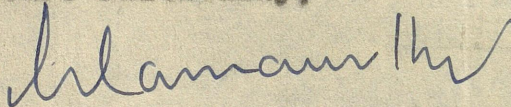
We trust that you will consider the above and be good enough to bear in mind that men like Tagore, Subramania

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Bharathi shall have their pride of place in the commemoration stamps. If you need full details regarding Subramania Bharathi, we place ourselves at your disposal. In the meantime, we are sending you by separate post a copy of our Souvenir of 1958 which we trust you will find interesting.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



SECRETARY.

Copy to:-

- 1) Sri S.V. Ramaswami, Dy. Minister for Railways, New Delhi.
- 2) Dr. K.S. Krishnan, Director, National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi.



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The Secretary,
Department of Education,
Government of Madras,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

Proposed Chair for Tamil at
the Allahabad University.

We were glad to learn from a news item in the "Hindu" of the 15th March 1959 that the Madras Government have donated Rs.4000/- per annum to the Allahabad University for a period of 5 years, commencing from 1959-60, for establishing a chair in Tamil. This is indeed a welcome move on the part of the Madras Government for fostering our ancient Tamil culture and literature in Northern India and is in keeping with the times of cultural and literary renaissance all over the country. We, therefore, wish to congratulate the Madras Government on this move, and hope that such a gesture would be extended in other universities as well.

As a purely literary and cultural institution, bearing the name of the late Subramania Bharathi, and with the set objectives of disseminating Tamil culture and literature amongst the people of other states, absorbing what is best and ever lasting in the realm of other literature and culture and thereby creating a closer cultural and literary interchange and understanding, we have certain suggestions to put forward for your kind consideration:

a) You may probably be aware that in the curricula for I.A., B.A. I.Sc., I.Com., B.A., and B.Co., Tamil is also being included as a subject of study for the University examinations. Right from 1950 onwards we have taken it

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upon ourselves to impart regular and organised tuition to the students of the Calcutta University who had chosen Tamil as their subject of study. We are glad to advise you that this service on our part has been duly recognised and appreciated by the Calcutta University.

b) At our instance in 1955, His Holiness, Sri Kasi Vasi Arulnandi Thambiran Swamigal of Tirupanandal Mutt was gracious enough to institute endowments in the Calcutta University for the students coming out first in Tamil in the University Examinations for I.A., I.Com., I.Sc., B.A., and B.Com. courses. We are happy to inform you that the students who had availed of the Sangham's Tamil Classes had qualified themselves for the prizes.

c) In addition to the above, we are conducting a Bengali Class for the benefit of Non-Bengalis and a Tamil Class for Non-Tamils. Here again, the response is encouraging.

d) We conduct weekly meetings and celebrate the jayanties of eminent men in the field of culture and literature etc. and provide ample opportunities to our members, the outside public and our brethren in Bengal to understand each other and give us the benefit of their talk. The Bharathi Jayanthi, celebrated during December every year, affords an opportunity for coming together and effecting a closer cultural and literary contact.

e) We have recently instituted two scholarships in the National High School, Calcutta, for deserving students.

f) While we have been doing our utmost to disseminate our Tamil culture and literature in the North in our humble way, we feel that the creation of a chair purely for Tamil in the Calcutta University will go a long way in furthering the cause of Tamil and making our brethren in Bengal know and appreciate the rich treasures contained in our ancient Tamil literature and culture. This is most needed at this juncture when a cultural and literary awakening is taking place all over the country and the Sahitya Academy is striving every nerve to quicken the pace of renaissance. To our mind, a similar arrangement with the Calcutta University will show volumes of the Madras Government's kind interest towards the promotion of Tamil.

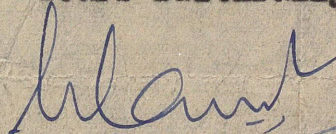
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We trust that you will duly consider the above aspects of the matter and be good enough to see your way to make arrangements for a similar chair in Tamil at the Calcutta University also. We, for our part, would be glad to attend to any formalities to be complied with at this end and also any follow-up.

We are sending by separate post one copy each of our Souvenir 1958 and "Essays and on Bharathi".

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,



(G. RAMAMURTHI)
Secretary.

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