

London N.W.1
17.2.60

Dear Dr. Ranganayake,

Thank you for your letter dated 9.2.60. I presume this is your first visit to England. I give below a few relevant points regarding life in general here and the residential flats. These might help you in planning your trip to this country.

Residential flats - This is a set of about twenty flats for the N.F. fellows. These are fully furnished, centrally heated, adequately provided with full bed-linen and bath towels, including that for babies, crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils. In each flat there is a vacuum cleaner, refrigerator, Electrical Cooking range. In a set of flats there are facilities for a washing machine and ironing, television set and a nursery for children.

You may bring with you a anist and an iron-plate (nāi) suly if you so like and none else.

Food stuffs - All sorts of Indian food-stuffs of a huge variety are available in many Indian stores. These are nearly twice as costly as in India but I think that is quite reasonable. I don't see any point in your bringing any things of the sort. Tea is good and not costly.

Clothing - You will be reaching here probably

at the end of winter and beginning of summer. I hear in summer people wear light woollen clothes. The winter is very severe and everyone needs an extra heavy overcoat and some sort of shower-proof stuff, it is continually drizzling.

Children wear is quite costly. It might be a good idea for you to bring clothing for the full year from India and thus save sterling for many other things here.

Laundry here is very costly and unsatisfactory. Washing and ironing has to be done at home. Ordinary men's cotton shirts are difficult to keep clean. On the other hand drip dry, non-iron Toplin or Terylene shirts are very easy to wash. They are available here for £2 a 3 respectively. It might be a good idea to buy about 4-6 shirts from Aden where there will be much cheaper, but be careful you are not cheated.

Shoes are very costly here. I think it worthwhile to bring one or two extra pairs of shoes with you.

There is absolutely no need to bring any bedding with you as these are fully provided here in the flats and in the ship also. It by any chance

You are travelling by train from Genoa to London, then the bedding is provided only in the sleepers and not in the ordinary 1st class.

If you have any other queries about anything please don't hesitate to ask me and I will be only too pleased to tell you.

If you can let us know the exact date & time of your reaching London we will be glad to receive you at the Rly Station. It is quite possible that you might be travelling by a special train and cannot be sure of the exact time of arrival beforehand. Then, on reaching London Rly. Station, if it is before 5 P.M., give us a ring from any of the public telephone booths. The procedure to telephone is to insert 2 pence, lift up the receiver then dial G, U and then 6 and then No 2770 (G U 6 2770) and whoever answers ask for Dr. or Mrs Jain. On receiving your telephone we shall try to fix you up. The other alternative is to take a cab & come straight to 6, Prince Albert Rd. N.W.1. We live in No 7 (Flat No 7). The cab drivers are very well behaved and dependable, I am sure you won't find any difficulty.

It is very kind of you to offer to bring anything for us from India. I would be fully aware of the offer. My people will send you one photograph album a perhaps 1 lb. of coffee



Dr. S. Ranganayaki

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Sender's name and address:

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