

REGISTERED & AIR MAIL.

Mohalla Narpirastan,  
Srinagar (Kashmir).  
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Respected Sir,

I am writing to you after a very long time.

I trust you still remember me after the lapse of about five years when I had the privilege to work as clerk under you in the Physics Department, University of Allahabad. I remember with gratitude your kindness and solicitude towards me and it is because of that that I venture to write this letter.

You are already aware of our troubles and tribulations ever since we had the bad luck to be invaded by the Pakistan tribesmen. You also know that we are all passing through a very grave crisis unprecedented in the history of our state. Many of us have been looted and subjected to untold atrocities many of us are now destitutes and penniless. There is a war on our soil leading to chaos and confusion, fear and apprehension. The scarcity of certain essential commodities makes us starve; the wails and woes of our womenfolk and children make our hearts bleed. Our life is miserable. I need not say much, for, I am confident that whatever I have got to say, is already well-known to your goodself.

You are well aware that about five years ago I resigned from the University of Allahabad and entered Kashmir State Service on your recommendation, having been appointed as stenographer in the High Court here, which post I still continue to hold. But, in view of the grave crisis here, you can well imagine that it is not possible for me to continue here any longer. I desire to leave for India along with my family at the earliest possible opportunity, but the consideration of a livelihood there is the foremost in my mind. For you will readily appreciate that it is not possible to leave along with a large family unless one is sure of some sort of footing <sup>elsewhere</sup> ~~outside~~. It is, therefore, that I write this letter. I appeal to you to do something for me in order to

save me from the clutches of starvation and misery.

At the moment I donot know where to apply or what to do. You already know that I am a B.Sc. and a trained stenographer with high speed in shorthand and typewriting. Science has now made considerable progress in India and scientific Laboratories and Departments are expanding. There is now the National Physical Laboratory - of which you are the head -, the National Chemical Laboratory, the National Metallurgical Laboratory and, the National Institute of Sciences (India) and other Government and quasi-Government institutions. Could you kindly get me appointed as a Stenographer or an office-Assistant in any of these departments I shall feel grateful if you could kindly do so and write to me at an early date.

The Council of Scientific & Industrial Research have recently advertised some posts of office Assistants and in Rs. 160-450 grade. I have already sent my application to the Deputy Secretary, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research under a separate cover. I also enclose herein a copy of my application for your information and favour of necessary action.

In view of the present crisis, I request you kindly to get me appointed anywhere you deem convenient. Having worked for the last five years as Stenographer and office Assistant in the Kashmir State High Court, I have ~~now~~ considerable experience of office routine. You already know that I can record speeches in Shorthand.

I beg to enclose herein briefly a statement of qualifications and experience which, though well-known to you, will however, facilitate reference. I also enclose an air mail envelope for your reply.

I am sending my humble letter by registered post to ensure that you get it.

I hope you will not disappoint me. Having implicit faith in your greatness and generosity, I remain wedded to the hope that you will help me at this critical juncture.

With respects to Lady Krishnan and Mr Srinivasan,

*Yours very obediently,  
Durga Nath Kaul*

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