

EMBASSY OF INDIA

PERSONAL.

Rangoon, 23rd April 1960.

My dear Ranganathan,

I have pleasure in introducing to you Shri Ratnam Pillay, who belongs to this place. Their family owns a Tamil Daily paper "Rasika Ranjini" which is a very influential and popular paper amongst the South Indian friends here. The entire family occupies a very respectable position in the Indian community in this country.

2. Shri Ratnam himself is a Burmese national but his father and some other members of the family have still retained Indian nationality. For some time they have been trying to start a Tamil Daily in Madras. Having considerable experience in the journalistic world, they can be expected to do well in the line if they are given the necessary assistance. Shri Ratnam is going to India to carry out the initial work of setting up the paper. In this task he would need the assistance of the Commerce Ministry which I hope you would, consistent with your official position, be able to tender.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/ LALJI MEHROTRA

Shri S. Ranganathan,
Secretary,
Ministry of C. & I.,
N. Delhi.

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My dear Mathur,

I do not think I need introduce to you Shri Ratnam Pillay. You must be already knowing him very well. All that I can say is that his paper "Rasika Ranjini" and his entire family, including his old father, have been consistently very helpful to us. You know it is not always easy for an Ambassador to succeed in securing support from the local Indian community. They consider their support as of such a tremendous importance to the Ambassador and other diplomatic officers for their existence that the same is very grudgingly given. It is, therefore very refreshing to find someone like Shri Ratnam Pillay who could always take a balanced view of things and render co-operation where it is due.

2. Having made a success of their local paper "Rasika Ranjini", they are now trying to start a Tamil Daily in Madras. Some members of the family, including the old gentleman, would be there to look after it. Shri Ratnam, although a Burmese national, is going there to help in the start of the paper. In this endeavour, he would need the assistance of your Ministry and I hope you would be good enough to help him in all possible reasonable ways.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/ LALJI MEHROTRA

Shri M.P. Mathur,
Deputy Secy.,
Ministry of C. & I.,
New Delhi.