

UNIVERSITY OF LUCKNOW

Botany Department. 31st March 1942.

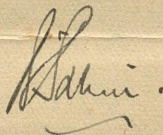
Prof. K.S.Krishnan, F.R.S.,
Department of Physics,
University of
Allahabad.

My dear Prof.Krishnan,

I am very happy to know that you are safely established at Allahabad. It is good to have you near us, though I should have been much happier if it had been possible for the University of Lucknow to have you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



Arcadia

Kasauli Club,

Kasauli

24 June 1947.

My dear Krishnan,

I saw Sir Maurice Syger about some land for the Palaeobotany Institute, & told him of our talks with Rajaji, & later with Brahatnagar, about that piece of about 100 acres for the National Physical Laboratory & possibly a piece ^{out} of it for the Palaeobotany Institute. Sir Maurice was very interested, & said he would make an attempt to get the 100 acre plot for the University. Last night he told me he had actually written to Rajaji on the subject.

I thought you would like to know of this.

so I am writing to suggest that you might
perhaps have another talk with Rajaji &
with Bhatnagar. C. S. Rama Krishna was
here until yesterday & it may be you
will know more from him.

Would you kindly let me know if
you think it worth while moving again
in the matter of this land, & getting
Bhatnagar, if possible, to help?

With kind regards

Ever sincerely

R. S. Srinivasan



Lucknow
20th Aug 1920.

Confidential.

My dear Prof Krishnan,

May I ask you what your attitude is now towards the question of accepting the chair of Physics at this University? I remember asking you a few years back, & then you were not opposed to the idea, provided certain facilities were assured.

The time for making a selection is drawing near, & I would like to know whether you look upon the

proposal with favour. We will
move further, at this end, only
after we hear from you.

May I take this opportunity
also of asking whether you have
been able to find the time to
write up your Lucknow lectures?
If so I would be glad to be able
to send the MS to the press.*

With kind regards

Yours very sincerely

Professor K.S. Krishnan F.R.S.
Calcutta

J. Sahni.

* We now give 50 reprints gratis to the authors
+ send 12 for review to addresses supplied
by them.

Lucknow
26th Dec 1940.

My dear Professor Krishnan,

It is I who should apologise to you for having unintentionally placed you in this awkward situation. I had more faith in the good sense of my colleagues of the Ex.C. in Lahore & in Calcutta.

I agree, ^{with Sir Radhakrishnan} that it would be better to wait till we meet in Benares, & not to withdraw or even give any one an idea beforehand that you would like to withdraw. I do not know Sir Asher Dabul, but I propose to write a note for him to read, explaining the position as I see it, and then I will talk over the matter with him, before the Ex.C. meets

on the 3rd I shall no longer be
a member ^{of the Ex. C.}, after the 1st Jan., so an
explanatory note, & a talk with
him, will be necessary.

These events have made it clearer
than ever that there is no hope for the
Science Congress unless there is a thorough
reshuffle and a "clean-up." We may
have to make a beginning with a
revision of the constitution, particularly
of the Ex. C. & its relations with the Gen. C.,
on the occasion of the coming session. I
have already moved Dr. Bhadrakath Singh
& Mr. P. S. Varna & they are, I think,
preparing the ground.

If there is no hope of importing
decency of behaviour into our organisation

it will be time for all of us
who feel one way to withdraw
from the Science Congress and let
the others run the show entirely
in their own way. One week
saved every year for serious work at
our ^{respective} headquarters, with all the days
spent in travelling to the place of the
annual meeting & back, and the sometimes
voluminous correspondence over nothing,
will be worth while. What you said
was just the thing: Let us do
more scientific work and leave
them to their committees & congresses,
which make them feel so important.
I have requested Sir C. V. Raman to attend
the Benares meeting. He is at Waltair.

Unfortunately, both the 9th & the 10th
of January have been declared holidays
at the Lucknow University, & we are
already having a continuous series of
bookings for lectures till the 18th with
only the 12th as a gap. In any case
the 9th will not do. When are you
returning from Lahore? I hope you
can break journey on the way back;
we can then fix up a lecture from
you even at short notice during the
day, when the students will be able to
attend in larger number. I have noted
the title of your lecture: The Properties of
Metallic Electrons in Graphite.

With kindest regards, and our joint
wishes to you for a happy New Year
Ever yours
G. Srinivasan

Lucknow
14 Feb 1942

My dear Professor Krishnan,

After posting my letter to you
this morning I received the
information from

Mr Pratap Singh
1 Ballygunge Park
Postbox 2158, Calcutta

South 2020
Phones
P.K. 2140
and
South 1924
Cal. 7198

that Ranjit AC fans are made
by the India Electric Works &
that they are available F.O.R.
Calcutta at Rs 130/- each.

As India made fans are
well known I would prefer these
to the "metrolite" in case you

You have not ordered these
already.

If you have already ordered
the "metrolite" fans & find
that you cannot cancel the
order, would you kindly phone
up the gentleman to that effect?

I am writing to him also to
ask you on the phone, & if
you have not obtained the fans
already he will get Raijit
ones for me & despatch them
when possible.

Kindest regards, & apologies
for bothering you. Yours very sincerely
What about the Allahabad matter? Khalim

in as president of the Sedgwick
Section 1943 has declined &
that the Ex. C. is now to make
a new choice. I would, of
course, like to insist on
Kalapesi who was chosen by
the sectional committee. Can
you do anything on the phone
to get Agarkar & any other
members now to respect the

views of the sectional committee?
I don't even know who are the members of the Ex. C. now
~~they will probably want to put in~~
~~send me, if possible, a list of them.~~
~~Kindly~~

Crookshank or some other person
any one but the one chosen by the
expert committee would do for them!

With kindest regards
Sincerely
Srinivas

Shankar

I suggest your actually
taking possession of the fans
because one never knows

These days when a firm begins
to find it impossible to deliver
goods.

After you had left I got
a wire from Rangan
insisting on both of us attending
the Apha meeting, & saying that
your lecture at Apha had been
announced!

I learn from Sakshita that
Gleanie shows the Ex. C. had put

tested before paying for them.

On hearing from you that

they are O.K. & actually
in your hands I will send

you a cheque, & the furs can

be brought here, as convenient,

by friends coming this way. Or,

if not inconvenient, perhaps

you would kindly get some one

to give me an estimate of

cost in transporting them to

Lucknow by passenger train,

unless it so happens that goods
traffic is again open.

Lucknow

14 Feb 1942

By Dear Purosa Krishnan,

I have not been able to ascertain who are the makers of Ranjit ceiling fans, so I think I will go in for the "Metrotote". I would be grateful if you would kindly secure immediately for me 5 AC fans of 48" sweep, complete with regulator, rod etc. and have them actually delivered at your place. It would I think be necessary to have them

Lucknow
20 Feb 1942

My dear Professor Krishnan,

Thank you for your letter of the 18th. I have written to Ranjan again on the subject & have asked him to let me have an early reply. I very much hope that you will be able to transfer to Allahabad permanently.

Regarding the Rajit fairs, I have

Lucknow

21 Feb 1942

My dear Professor Krishnan,

I have just received from Ranjan a letter which I think it best to pass on to you in the original. Kindly return it after perusal & either let me know what you would like me to do next, or write direct to Jha.

Personally, I think they should give you 1500/-, & they will if you make that a condition.

Only, I cannot say if you can make that a condition of your joining, with the present

I am trusting you to phone him, as I better have been delayed in being believed to him.
I have sincerely
Yours
Prabhu.

threatened state of Calcutta!
However, you will know best.
Perhaps in these circumstances
the other arrangement (proposed
by Mukherjee) might be better.
It will give both you & Pra
time to think over the permanent
arrangements.

With kindest regards, &

Thanks for phoning up ^{the}
Pratap Singh. I have heard
from him also. Now I require
only three paws, not five.
Would you kindly phone him
up to this effect? I am also
writing to him about this.

University of Lucknow
BOTANY DEPARTMENT

31 March 1943.

Professor K.S.Krishnan, F.R.S.,
Department of Physics,
University of
Allahabad.

My dear Professor Krishnan,

You will be glad to know that last night the Executive Council of Lucknow University sanctioned a grant of Rs.1000/- to the Academy in response to your request. I may say that this is all due to the Vice-Chancellor and to the influence you worked on him during your visit here. I hope you will send him a nice letter of thanks.

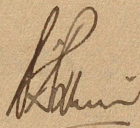
A few days before this he had helped me with a grant of Rs.500/- towards the cost of blocks for the papers which were originally to go into a commemoration volume to Professor Seward. Much of this will now go to the Academy to pay for the blocks of our palaeobotanical papers.

Do you think that we could fix our subcommittee and Council meetings on the occasion of Sir C.V.Raman's coming visit to Allahabad? I would like to meet him, and we can perhaps discuss Academy matters. As you and he will be busy with the examination I can stay a day longer at Allahabad. And if the Benares visit about which I wrote to you yesterday could be linked on with this it would be very convenient. But perhaps your date for Benares is an examination fixture and cannot be altered.

Can you manage to get the Law Journal Co.'s terms for doing our printing before the date of our meeting?

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



UNIVERSITY OF LUCKNOW

28 March 1943.

Professor K.S.Krishnan, F.R.S.,
Department of Physics,
Allahabad University,
Allahabad.

My dear Professor Krishnan,

I received yesterday and forwarded at once to the Vice-Chancellor the two letters from you about the University grant. We may be just too late for the next meeting of our Executive Council (30th March) but I have urged the Vice-Chancellor to put the matter on a supplementary agenda. I have also prepared the ground by speaking to a few members but our chief opponent is the Treasurer (Dr.Vyas).

Your letters do not say whether the Allahabad grant is a recurring one or not. I sent you a wire so that on the 30th I may tell the Executive Council what exactly we are getting from Allahabad.

Yes, I shall come for the sub-committee and Council meetings any day that suits you all if you give me 2 or 3 days' notice; only, please do not fix a Sunday. I am comparatively free from teaching work now. If you kindly fix the Council meeting the same day I shall be able to come away by the early morning train the next day. My best train from here reaches Allahabad about midday.

I have received the proofs of Ser.B. from the Special Officer and will bring these along with me. I fear that the proofs of some of the illustrations of papers I had not previously seen are positively wretched. ~~But~~ The Indian Press moreover submits proofs of half-tone reproductions on rough paper which gives no idea of the end result. I hope they will turn out to be tolerable in the end.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lucknow.

13. March 1942

My Dear Professor Krishna,

Your letter of the 10th has just arrived
I have written to Ranjan asking about
the possibility of their waiving the probation in
your case, & also whether he would advise your
reaching Allahabad before the 21st so that the
details can be discussed personally & the matter
expedited.

As the interval is short, if you would
like to know as early as possible how things
stand I have asked Ranjan to write to
you direct now, - I mean now that you have
(I am happy) definitely accepted the offer.
I presume that you do not make it a

Condition of acceptance but they should waive
the probation, though I personally have no
reason to think that they will have the least
hesitation, in your case, to waive it.

Yes, I do wish you could come away
from Lalenta early - well before things become
panicky.

Kindly write to me at leisure about
Lewell. If possible please register the letter
cover in which you return Lewell's letter. I should
have done this myself while writing to you but
forgot.

With kindest regards, I look forward
soon to find you safely installed at
Allahabad

Yours sincerely
Rahni

Lucknow

1 March 1942

Dear Professor Krishnan, I found the enclosed letter from Ranjan waiting for me on my return from Delhi this morning. It seems that in view of this the first alternative would be more suitable. However, you will know best which course to adopt. I hope you will decide soon, as things in Calcutta may soon become uncomfortable.

I also send you Sewell's letter, which brings disappointment. Before I inform Chopra. I wish to know what your advice is: shall we ask Sewell to approach Hasbany or shall we let the matter rest here?

Kindly return both the enclosures with your reply
With kindest regards,
Yours sincerely
Rahni

~~Copy of draft~~

210 Bombayan street -
Calcutta, March 10, 1942.

my dear Professor Salun,

I had been to Nagpur for the Practical Examinations, and I am sorry for the delay in replying to your letters. Regarding the Allahabad Professorship I have decided to take it up permanently, keeping, however, a lien on my present professorship at the Assoc. for two years. The Association ~~A~~ has agreed to this, and has also agreed to relieve me from the date of my joining at Allahabad.

In view of the varied reactions produced by my proposal to shift the Assoc. laboratories to Allahabad during the period of emergency, on the members of the Committee of Management at the Association, I thought it better to decide for myself, namely to accept the Allahabad chair ~~in~~ directly, and leave it to the Association to make its own arrangements ^{about the laboratory} during the period of emergency.

Having decided to take up the Allahabad chair, I should like to join the University as early as possible - particularly in

probation, and appoint me directly as a permanent Professor. Regarding the salary, in view of Prof. Shri Ranjan's refs, I shall accept Rs 1250/. Apparently it would embarrass them if I ask for a higher salary. I think after you hear from Shri Ranjan, that it may be desirable to go to Allahabad. I will be in Allahabad on the 23rd.

new of the emergent situation in Calcutta: If there is any occasion for panic in the city, it may not be ~~possible~~ ^{easy} for me to leave the city, and hence my desire to leave Calcutta as soon as possible. Prof Shri Ranjan mentions in one of his letters to you that the Executive Council of the University meets on the 21st of this month, and wants me to reply by that date. You may communicate to him ~~my decision~~ that I have decided to accept the Allahabad offer, and that I should like to join the University as soon as possible. ~~If the~~ I can join on the 23rd March, if the Executive Council, at its meeting on the 21st, decides to appoint me from that date.

If Professor Ranjan thinks that the University will agree to take me from the 23rd, then I can make arrangements immediately to shift my things to Allahabad. There is one point on which I should like to be assured: I understand that the usual appointments in the University are on probation for three years. I hope that in my case the University ~~will~~ ^{will} waive the

The Avocado

Almora

3 June 1942

Dear Professor Krishnan,

I have not yet written to
Chopra about that matter. I
wonder if you can lay your hands
on the letter from Sewell which
I had sent you to Calcutta,
& send it to me with your
opinion as to what we should
do.

We have been at Almora
for some time. I have taken
leave till the 26th October
but I may cancel the leave &

return to Lucknow in the middle
of July.

With kind regards

Very sincerely
H. L. L.

Copy

The Zoological Laboratory
Cambridge

Dec. 30, 1941

My dear Saluni,

You must forgive the delay in answering your letter, but Christmas Holidays have a way of upsetting the normal routine

I am afraid this letter will be a big disappointment to you. I have heard from Dr Verney regarding the question of proposing Chopra for the Fellowship, and his opinion is by no means favourable. While admitting that Chopra has done a great deal of Research work (work which is of very great importance to India), he does not consider that it has been sufficiently critical, and in consequence is not willing either to propose Chopra or even to support his candidature. In these circumstances do you think that it is advisable to proceed further in the matter? If you and Krishna wish it, I will go on and sound the other Fellows whose names you mention, or perhaps in the first instance Parkes and Hartley, who are the only two on the list that are on the Physiology and Medical Sciences Committee (Parkes retires

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this year), for it is this committee
that would primarily have to consider Chupa's
recommendation, and his election would
depend on their report to the Council.

I am very disappointed myself
for I should [have] been delighted to
welcome Chyona as one of us

With all good wishes for 1942

Yours very sincerely

(Sd) R. B. Seymour Sewell

Lucknow

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Dear Professor Krishnan,

I think it is time I
wrote to Col. Chopra about
Sewall's letter which is
with you.

Could you kindly send me
that letter with your advice
in the matter?

With kind regards

Yours truly
K. S. Khanna

University of Lucknow
15 August 1945.

Professor K.S. Krishnan, F.R.S.,
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Allahabad.

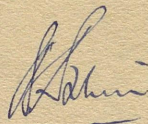
My dear Krishnan,

Many thanks for your letter and the extracts from the Income Tax rules. I am sorry to have troubled you about the matter.

I have written to Siddiqi, at last, drafting my reply with great difficulty. But I am sorry that with all my efforts I cannot satisfactorily express your attitude to the offer. Would you therefore kindly send him a reply separately. The main reason I have given for declining the invitation is that at this stage of my career it would be unwise to break the continuity of my work here. I do not wish to go away for three years to a place where much of my time would be taken up in establishing the laboratory on a working basis, after which I would have to return here a few years before my time of retirement.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely,



Lucknow

22 Oct 1947

Hyder Krishna,

May I introduce to you a young nephew
of mine, Prahlad Dev M.Sc., a very promising
chemist who has been selected by Government for
one of the Foreign Scholarships. He received the news
of the award some months ago but he still does
not know when & where he is to be sent abroad.
Meanwhile he is being given a post by Shatrughan
as a Technical Assistant, & I am hoping that he
will be posted at Delhi.

I would like Prahlad to meet you, and I
hope he may approach you in case of difficulty.
He will tell you more about himself when he meets
you.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

S. S. Srinivasan

(I tried to see you at Delhi recently but you were away for the lab.)