

Research and Development Laboratory,
Modern Rice Mill,
Vijayapuram P.O.,
Tiruvapur (S.Rly),
Tamil Nadu,
September 4, 1971.

The Director-General,
Council of Scientific and Industrial Research,
Rafi Marg,
NEW DELHI.

Kind attention : Dr. Y. Nayudamma.

Dear Sir,

Sub :- Order dated 30/4/69 of the Vice-President, CSIR in respect of the distribution of the royalty payable to workers for the 'baby food process' developed at CFTRI, Mysore - Civil case No. O.S. No.74 of 1969 which is now before the court of the Principal Civil Judge, Mysore.

The present situation in respect of the above case is well known to the authorities of the council and, particularly, to the Secretary and to the Law Officer.

2. Until a few months ago, the case of the plaintiff (Shri M.R. Chandrasekhara) was only against the Council in respect of the Vice-President's order cited above. More recently, all the persons, who may be regarded as beneficiaries from the above process, have been included, together with the Council, as Defendants.

3. After prior reference to the Law Officer and on the advice of the Council's lawyer in respect of the case, I have

appointed a Mysore lawyer (Shri M.R. Narayana Swamy) to represent me. Dr. D.S. Bhatia, one of the principal investigators in respect of the process, and who is now with the Coca-Cola Export Corporation, New Delhi, has also appointed the same lawyer. Dr. H.A.B. Parpia, the present Director, and, also one of the beneficiaries from the process, has appointed another lawyer.

4. Though the matter is now regarded as being sub judice, the whole issue may soon become public as soon as the open court hearing is started. The Vice-President's order of 30/4/69 had cancelled a decision taken on the recommendation of the present Director and restored - with retrospective effect - a decision taken in 1963 on my recommendation. The trend of evidence which will be presented to the Court can, therefore be easily foreseen.

5. I have reached a stage of life when one may be expected to be cynical or indifferent to the outcome of such situations. At the same time I realize that the present one is a test case, the implications of which may be far-reaching. The process under reference is perhaps the most successful one so far sponsored by the NRDC. It served as the starting point for the big success and reputation of the Kaira Cooperative Milk Producers' Union and also much of the subsequent advance in industries, based on milk and milk products - through both Indian and foreign managed firms - in the country. It is this very success which led to certain unethical acts and the present situation.

The decision of the Vice-President (30/4/69) was taken after months of study of the factual materials, by several authorities including, presumably, those of the Law Ministry. The case was also

studied by the Sarkar Committee, who considered it important enough to be referred to the D.G. (Vigilance).

Because of the unfortunate involvement of some of us as Defendants, the case has already extended to the inclusion of the past and present Directors and also some of the past and present senior staff of the Institute. Before long, it may also involve several others, including some of the former Directors-General, a former chairman of the NRDC, Dr. Kurien and others as witnesses.

It is not for me to say as to how the Council, with its long experience in such matters, should deal with the situation. I have stated the position as I see it and will leave it to the other authorities to deal with the matter in any manner which is considered to be proper.

Yours faithfully,

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(V. SUBRAHMANYAN)

Emeritus Scientist

&

(formerly) Director, CFTRI, Mysore.



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COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC & INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

D.O.No.DG/PS/72.

नई दिल्ली-१
NEW DELHI-1, March 6, 1972.

Director General
C. S. I. R. and
Secretary to the
Govt. of India.

Dear Dr. Subrahmanyam,

This is a Personal and Confidential letter in reply to yours of February 12, 1972. I should make it clear that this is not official.

I studied the case in great depth. The major issues in this case are :

- (i) Whether the decision made in 1963 and confirmed in 1969 as contrasted to the decision in 1964 is correct;
- (ii) Whether the decision made in 1969 can be applied from 1969 and not with retrospective effect so that the question of refunding money drawn does not arise,
- (iii) Whether the case can be settled out of court in the interests of all concerned and CSIR;
- (iv) The expenditure incurred by each individual in going to the court will be borne by himself; and
- (v) in case it is to be settled out of court, can it be done by an arbitrator accepted by all concerned?

I get the feeling that everyone involved in this case is agreeable to (ii), (iii) & (iv) above.

I would like to ask you at this time, that while withdrawing the court case, would you agree to an arbitration in regard to the distribution of royalties.

If you agree for such an arbitration, it would mean opening the case; but instead of court deciding it an arbitrator would decide it out of court.

If you so agree, would you like to nominate two or three persons in whom you have confidence?

As everyone involved in this case including C.S.I.R. would like to get this case resolved out of court, it should be possible to arrive at an agreed solution. If you have any alternate and better suggestions, I would like to hear from you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Nayudamma

(Y. ~~Nayudamma~~)

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Research and Development Laboratory,
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Tamil Nadu,
March 6, 1972.

Dr. Y. Nayudamma,
Director - General,
Council of Scientific and Industrial Research,
Rafi Marg,
NEW DELHI-1.

Dear Dr. Nayudamma,

I have addressed you another letter, by the same post, dealing with the rather important meeting which we had in Delhi on February 25. I am addressing this, under separate cover, as it deal~~s~~s with an entirely different matter.

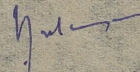
I understand that you were in Mysore by about the same as I was in Delhi? It is possible that you may have had an opportunity to informally discuss with Dr. Parpia and others the feasibility of a settlement in regard to the court case about the royalty issue which has been dragging on in a Mysore Civil Court since 1969.

The issues relating to the case are well known to you. You are also acquainted with the technical and historical background. The Vice-President of the Council took a legally correct and proper decision in his order of 30/4/69. It did, however involve a certain amount of hardship - particularly to the lower paid staff - through having to repay the extra amounts drawn by them till that date. If there is agreement in respect of that claim being waived, the hardship can be eliminated. The payments made after 30/4/69 can be on the basis of the Vice-President's order. If such an arrangement can be agreed upon, it will provide a basis for the withdrawal of the case by Shri Chandrasekhara.

You had kindly indicated that you would endeavour to arrange for an early meeting - preferably in Madras - to discuss the above subject. I will gladly attend that meeting if I can get adequate notice. At that meeting, we need not discuss any other aspect.

With my best regards,

Yours sincerely,



(V. SUBRAHMANYAN)

Research and Development Laboratory,
Modern Rice Mill,
Vijayapuram P.O.,
Tiruvarur (S.Ry),
Tamil Nadu,
March 10, 1972.

Dr. Y. Nayudamma,
Director-General and Secretary to Govt.,
Council of Scientific and Industrial Research,
Rafi Marg, NEW DELHI-1.

Personal and Confidential

Dear Dr. Nayudamma,

Ref :- Your D.O. No.DG/PS/72 dt.March 6,1972.

I am highly thankful to you for the letter under reference. I appreciate the interest and the trouble that you have taken to study the issues under reference in the midst of your various other duties and responsibilities.

I am quite agreeable to the withdrawal of the Court case and to accepting the decision conveyed by an arbitrator. As a basis for the selection of the arbitrator and the terms of reference, I would submit the following :-

- 1) The arbitrator should be one who had no connection with any of the earlier decisions relating to the subject.
- 2) He should be one of high standing and he should be free to go into all the aspects of the case. In addition to conveying a decision about the distribution of the royalty, the arbitrator should also record his views about the ethical aspects which are very important.
- 3) The arbitrator should kindly convey his decision within 3 months after he accepts the assignment.
- 4) As a pre-requisite to the above, the Plaintiff (Shri. M.R. Chandrasekhara) should withdraw the plaint which is now before the Court of the Principal Civil Judge in Mysore. Neither he nor any one of the Defendants should go to any court in respect of any issue relating to the subject after the decision to appoint an arbitrator is taken.

The only person whom I could think of for arbitrating in the

case is yourself. You have already studied the case and it should not be difficult for you to arrive at a decision. If, however, you have any uneasiness about taking up the responsibility, I would leave it to you to choose an retired judge or any other person who, in your opinion, can help in arriving at an equitable decision in respect of all the aspects and which will be binding on all of us.

To summarise,

- 1) I am agreeable to the appointment of an arbitrator and to abide by his decision
- 2) My choice for the arbitrator will be the Director-General (ie. yourself) or any one of high standing as nominated by him and who would have the necessary scope and powers to deal with all the aspects and convey his decision within three months from the date of accepting the assignment.

Before concluding, I may touch on an aspect which may also have already occurred to you. The royalty issue is one of the subjects referred by the Sarkar Committee to the D.G.(Vigilance), I do not really know as to where the latter now comes in the picture; but, I feel that the arbitrator may also take into account the materials collected by the D.G. Vigilance and also his conclusions before arriving at a decision. Irrespective of the status of the person concerned, the arbitrator should have the freedom to uphold ethical standards and to take note of lapses which led to the present situation.

Having stated my views, I think that it would be only proper to leave the decision to you. I have personally no uneasiness or pangs of conscience about any thing which I had done in respect of the issue. I will gladly accept any decision which may be taken. As mentioned already, I do hope that the decision will be comprehensive and conveyed at an early date.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(V. SUBRAHMANYAN)

Dr. V. SUBRAHMANYAN,
Emeritus Scientist.

10th July, 1972.

Dr. Y. Nayudamma,
Director-General & Secretary to
Govt. of India,
Council of Scientific & Industrial Research,
NEW DELHI-1.

My dear Dr. Nayudamma,

I attach herewith a copy of a letter which I received on 8/7/72 from the lawyer who represents me in the Court case in respect of the royally issue. I had appointed the lawyer on the advice of the Council.

I am not familiar with the phraseology used by the lawyer; but I presume that the Court is now taking a little more interest in the case. I do not know if it also means that there will be an early decision.

As you know already, I am only a Co-defendant with the Council. The Council's Law Officer should know more about the present position and its implications than I do. The impression that I got, some time ago, was that the Council's case is very strong and that the decision taken by the then Vice-President of the CSIR on 30/4/69 may be upheld by the Court.

In view of our earlier talks and correspondance on the subject, I would thank you to kindly consider the position and take such action as you may consider to be proper. My interest is only in getting an early decision, so that the payments which have been held up for the past four years, may soon be released by the Council.

With my best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(V. SUBRAHMANYAN)

PADDY PROCESSING RESEARCH CENTRE.

Modern Rice Mill,

Vijayapuram (P O) Tiruvarur,

Tamil Nadu.

14/7/72.

Dr. Y. Nayudamma,
Secretary to Govt. and
Director-General,
Council of Scientific and Industrial
Research,
Rafi Marg,
NEW DELHI.

Dear Dr. Nayudamma,

In continuation of my earlier letter on the subject, I enclose herewith a copy of a further letter No.5716 dt.11/7/72 which I received from the lawyer who is representing me in the case.

The Council is in possession of all the documents on the basis of which the Vice-President's decision of 30/4/69 was taken. The authorities of the Council also knew all the implications including that of the implementation of the decision ^{not} being time barred.

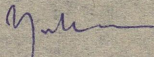
The issue of ~~in~~ witnesses is rather complicated. I do not think that it would be desirable to draw people like Seth Kasturbhai Lalbhai (then Chairman of the NRDC) and Prof. M.S. Thacker (then D.G.S.I.R) into the case. Dr. Kurien will also feel embarrassed if he is called in as a witness.

In view of the above, I would leave it to the Council as the first Defendant to take such action as it may consider to be proper. If any assistance is required from me, I may be advised about it.

The recent developments are not clear to me. I would like to be guided by you in regard to the matter.

With my best regards,

Yours sincerely,


(V. SUBRAHMANYAN)

31/7/72.

Dr. Y. Nayudamma,
Secretary to Govt. and Director-General,
Council of Scientific and Industrial Research,
Rafi Marg,
NEW DELHI.

Dear Dr. Nayudamma,

I am conscious that you have much bigger things to do than to worry about a court case in which the CSIR now figures as a Defendant.

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter dt.22/7/72 from my lawyer. I have advised him that the CSIR has all the related documents and that I have none except a list of publications mostly representing work - including field trials - carried out before Dr. Parpia joined the CFTRI as an Assistant Director.

I do not wish to drag in people like Prof. Thacker, Seth Kasturbhai Lalbhai and Dr. Kurien as witnesses ; but I do not know as to what the plaintiff and other defendants will do. If such witnesses are drawn in, the case will soon become public.

With my best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(V. SUBRAHMANYAN)



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D.O.No.8/14/69-VIG.

नई दिल्ली-१
NEW DELHI-1. 10th Aug., 19 72.

Secretary to the
Govt. of India, &
Director-General, CSIR.

Dear Dr. Subrahmanyan,

Kindly refer to your D.O. letter of 24th July, 1972, regarding distribution of royalties accruing from the process 'Baby Food'.

The matter is receiving our active consideration and every effort is being made to finalise the case as early as possible.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Y. Nayudamma
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Dr. V. Subramanian,
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Paddy Processing Research Centre,
Research and Development Laboratory,
Modern Rice Mill,
Vijayapuram P.O.,
Tiruvarur (S.Ry),
Tamil Nadu,
27/9/72.

Dr. Y. Nayudamma,
Director-General and Ex-Officio Secretary
to Govt. of India,
Council of Scientific & Industrial Research,
Rafi Marg, New Delhi-1.

Dear. Dr. Nayudamma,

Your D.O. No. DG/PS/72 dt. 6/3/72.
My letter dated 10/3/72 and two
subsequent letters.

I have just returned to station after a long tour in connection with our work and have hastened to enquire about the present position.

So far as I am concerned, I have readily agreed to the arbitration. I do not know as to how the others feel about it.

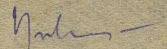
I have, at the same time, pointed out in one of my letters that if all are agreed in respect of issues (ii), (iii) and (iv) as listed in your letter of March 6, that may itself provide the basis for a settlement, without reference to any arbitrator.

Issue (i) would certainly be a matter of principle for both the Council and myself. At the same time, I am not keen on pushing it unless there can be a very early decision.

I have already referred to the possible interest or role of the D.G. (Vigilance) in respect of this subject. He is working in the same building. We should know asto what he will do once the case is withdrawn from the court. The matter has been referred to him by the Sarkar Committee and he is expected to make some report or recommendation. In any case, he should know some thing about what we are trying to do. He may be agreeable to treating the matter as closed once we come to some settlement.

Thanking you for kind early advice about the decision,
I remain, with regards,

Yours sincerely,


(V. SUBRAHMANYAN)

20/11/72.

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Dr. Y. Nayudamma,
Director-General and Secretary to the Govt.,
Council of Scientific & Industrial Research,
Rafi Marg, NEW DELHI -1.

Dear Dr. Nayudamma,

I am writing this with reference to your D.O.No. DG/PS/72 dt.7/3/72 and the subsequent correspondence and also my personal requests in respect of an early settlement of the issue of the royalty.

In his order of 30/4/69, the then Vice-President (Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao) had demanded an explanation from two of the officers of the CFTRI for their act of prevarication of signing two contradictory statements. If they had been called up to Delhi and their statements obtained, they would have admitted the truth and there would have been no scope for one of them going to Court against the Vice-President's orders.

As the consequence of the above, the case has dragged on for more than three years. The object of going to Court was to stall the implementation of the Minister's orders and that has been amply fulfilled. If the object is to sift the truth and to punish any offender, that has been practically defeated.

Some time ago, I was advised that I may leave a Will so that, in the event of my passing away before the Court case is decided, any payment to be made in accordance with the judgment may be rendered easy. That is a cynical way of

looking at the situation, but that also summarises the present trends.

The earlier correspondence and other papers relating to the subject go back to the fifties. It never occurred to me that a recommendation made by one Executive Council and accepted by the Minister would be changed by the next Executive Council which met only a year later. It did not also occur to me take copies of the relevant papers. I could take up the subject with the Council only some time after my return to the country.

Being born mortals, every one is destined to die some time. I do not know as to when my turn will come; but I am trying to keep such thoughts in the background by applying my mind to problems of urgent, national importance. At the same time, I cannot help a deep feeling of sorrow that the chances of sifting the truth are receding into the background.

Early payment of the share of royalty would naturally be important to me. It would be still more so to the lower paid staff. The Council has already got the accumulated amounts of the past four years. The royalty itself would be payable for only 2 or 3 years more.

The royalty case is one which you have inherited. You have presently much bigger issues to deal with. You have already done your best to expedite the decision through arbitration. Judging from the trends, it is not likely to materialise. If nothing is possible, I would thank you to advise me to that effect.

My current major interest is that of going on with some useful work and getting a fair measure of assistance for the Research Centre at Tiruvarur. As things stand, all the assistance which I am now getting will cease on 31/3/73. I do not yet know whether the Food Corporation of India will provide any assistance after that date. In any case, I would like to

have some funds with freedom in regard to utilisation, for the work. It would be presumptuous on my part to expect that I will get a Silver Jubilee grant. If you and Dr. Swaminathan feel that the work is worthy of support, there may be some way of providing assistance by way of annual grants to the Centre. It may be in the form of block grants for a few years.

With my best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(V. SUBRAHMANYAN)

PADDY PROCESSING RESEARCH CENTRE,

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Tamil Nadu, INDIA.

Dr. V. SUBRAHMANYAN,
PROJECT HEAD.

Date 4-10-73.

Dr. Y. Nayudamma,
Director-General and Secretary to Govt.,
Council of Scientific and Industrial Research,
Rafi Marg,
NEW DELHI-1.

My dear Dr. Nayudamma,

By yesterday's post, I have addressed to you a formal letter offering to surrender whatever portion of the royalty which may still be due to me so as to be utilised by the Council for the improvement of the educational health or social amenities of the lower paid staff in some institutions and particularly the CPTRI, Mysore. I have made the offer unconditional and have made a specific request that neither I nor any member of my family may be concerned with the manner of utilisation of the funds nor benefit by them.

I am hoping that the Council will kindly accept the offer. The only favours which I now seek are that the Council will generously help to expedite action and to get the contributions exempted from payment of tax.

The decision to contribute my share for the benefit of some causes had been taken some time ago in consultation with my late wife. You may kindly recall my having spoken to you about it at our last meeting. Unfortunately, she passed away suddenly and I could take the action only after her death.

Following my meeting with you on 16/8/73, I had addressed a letter to Shri M.R. Chandrasekhara, the Plaintiff in the Court case. I enclose herewith a copy of the letter which I had addressed to him. The proposals which I had made are in the nature of a compromise between the decisions of 1963 and 1964 and, from what I can gather, some of other beneficiaries are agreeable to it. Shri Chandrasekhara has acknowledged my letter, but has not yet conveyed

his reactions.

I have no further interest in the case, nor in deriving any benefit for myself or any member of my family. My only desire is that my former colleagues should kindly help to arrive at a settlement, so that the money may be released at as early a date as possible for the benefit of others. I trust that they will appreciate my object and kindly help me in my effort.

I would feel highly thankful if you could kindly take some personal interest in my modest proposal and help to expedite early implementation.

With my best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(V. SUBRAHMANYAN)



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COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC & INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

RAFI MARG,

NEW DELHI 30th March, 1974

Prof. Y. NAYUDAMMA
Secretary to the Govt of India
& Director General SIR

Dear Dr. Subrahmanyan,

Many thanks for your kind invitation at the marriage of your son. My wife joins me to offer our hearty greetings and warm congratulations and all good-wishes to the newly wedded couple.

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I could appreciate your feelings in regard to the royalty for the baby food. In fact, I feel most happy that I could do little about it for so many years. Mr. Chandrashekhara appears to have an extraordinary capacity to change his mind often, and he has been requested not to waste our energy and effort in future. He now does not want an arbitrator, he has a new set of conditions and he wants me to get this approved by all others. I am afraid, this is a task which I am not prepared to undertake.

I very much regret my inability to expedite this case under these circumstances.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Nayudamma
(Y. NAYUDAMMA)

Dr. V. Subrahmanyan,
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2-4-74.

Dr. Y. Hayudanna,
Secretary to Govt. and
Director-General,
Council of Scientific & Industrial Research,
Rafi Marg, NEW DELHI-1.

Dear Dr. Hayudanna,

I am highly thankful to you for your kind D.O. Letter
dt. 30/3/74.

I am both appreciative and grateful for the generous
interest that you have taken to get the royalty issue settled quickly.
You have many other worries and responsibilities and we should all
feel thankful for the trouble that you have been taking and what you
have already done to help us.

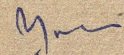
Shri Chandrasekhara wrote to me on 25/5/74 suggesting that
I should approach you with a compromise formula. I have sent him a
polite reply stating my reasons and regretting of inability to do so.
I have also made it clear that, as all of us - including himself -
had agreed at an earlier date to settlement through arbitration by an
eminent Jurist, we should now stick to it and agree to abide by his
decision.

I have sent a copy of my reply to Shri Chandrasekhara to
the Secretary CSIR for purposes of record.

I have suggested to Dr. M. Swaminathan, former Scientist F
and now a retired scientist at the CSIR, to have a personal talk with
Shri Chandrasekhara and to explain the implications to him. I can only
hope that Shri Chandrasekhara will get over his diffidence and agree
unconditionally to arbitration by an independent Jurist of high
standing.

With my renewed thanks and warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


(V. SUBRAHMANYAM)

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13-4-74.

Dr. Y. Nayudamma,
Director-General and Secretary to Govt.,
Council of Scientific & Industrial Research,
Rafi Marg,
NEW DELHI - 1.

Dear Dr. Nayudamma,

After posting you my letter dt.8/4/74, I received a letter dt.5/4/74 from Shri M.R. Chandrasekhara enclosing a copy of a letter dt.28/3/74 as addressed to him by Shri K.C. Krishnamurthi.

I note that the CSIR will not take any further initiative in respect of arbitration unless Shri Chandrasekhara gives his written and accepts the terms prescribed by the CSIR. At the same time, the CSIR will have no objection to Shri Chandrasekhara getting the concurrence of all concerned to a compromise formula provided it is properly drafted by the lawyers from the two sides.

Under the circumstances, I have, personally, no objection to the compromise provided Shri Chandrasekhara adheres to the terms which he had previously agreed to. He has already changed the interpretation and got the signatures of seven people in and around Mysore for his proposal.

Whatever be the reason, he is obviously uneasy about the outcome of arbitration. I do not see much point in my pressing for arbitration under the circumstances. I have, at the same time, thought it necessary to make my views clear in respect of the compromise formula. All payments to be made after the Minister's order of 30/4/69 will have to be made according to the mode of distribution recommended by the Executive Council in 1965 and which was also approved by the

then Vice-President of the CSIR.

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter addressed by me to Shri Chandrasekhara.

With my best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(V. SUBRAHMANYAN)

P.S.

It is rather saddening to think that the Kaira Cooperative Union has also taken advantage of the situation. It is now paying, royalty on less than one-third of its production on the plea that the method recommended by us was only roller drying whereas the bulk of their present production is the spray-dried product. Our first product, which we also used for all our evaluation studies was a spray-dried product made at Amend. We had recommended roller drying only as an immediate means to ensure adequate shelf life when gas packing was not adequate or available. The NRDC did raise this issue on the basis of factual materials that I had provided, but did not follow it up. The CPTRI does not also seem to have followed up the matter. That is the way of the World and I have given up worrying about such matters. The CSIR and the NRDC may however do well to look into the terms of the agreement with the Kaira Cooperative Milk Producers' Union in respect of this process. I do not think that we have specified that only roller drying should be adopted. The agreement was not shown to me by the NRDC at the time when it was prepared.

(V. SUBRAHMANYAN)