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Dear Prof, Vardya

As you may be aware, I have edited biographies of 36 eminent Indian Mathematicians of the twentieth century in 4 volumes (See Newsletter of The Mathematical Sciences Trust Society which is being sent through separate book post). These biographies were all written by persons very close to these distinguished mathematicians.

These biographies have made our students aware of the great dedicated service to mathematics education and research of these mathematicians and have been a source of inspiration to young students and teachers.

These biographies give a brief account of early childhood, education, research experience, work as a professor, relationship with the students, some interesting anecdotes from the life showing his great dedication to mathematics and a brief account of his research written in a non-technical language.

I am now editing Volume V of this series and am very anxious to include a biography of Prof V. V. Narlikar in it, as he was certainly one of the most distinguished mathematical scientists of recent years.

I know you were very close to him & I would be grateful if you can write his biography in about 8 to 10 double-space typed pages. This contribution of your will help in keeping his memory alive in the minds of generations to come.

Mathematical Sciences Trust Society, a registered non-profit organisation has agreed to publish it and <sup>to</sup> give 5 copies of the book to every author who contributes a biography.

I would like to have the biography within 2 months, preferably within 1 month if possible. I know you are very busy but I hope you will kindly agree to spare your time for this worthwhile cause.

In case you can not write it for some reasons, will you kindly persuade someone very close to him to write the biography, on my behalf.

Please send me your acceptance of this request at an early date.

With kind regards

Yours Sincerely

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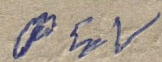
Dear Prof. Kapur,

Please refer to your letter of 24-6-92 regarding biography of Prof. V.V. Narlikar. When I started writing down the biography I realized that I had already written a detailed biography of VVN for INSA memoirs and so it became very difficult for me to write another biography which will be distinct from INSA memoir.

Under these circumstances I would suggest that you request some one else to write the biography.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(P.C. Vaidya)