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My dear Parthasarathy,

As you know, the maize scheme has been running for about five years. Its objective is essentially fundamental cytogenetical work but we have also been alive to the practical aspects. One such aspect is the utilization of the existing Indian varieties. We have been in the past distributing seeds of an old strain, called the Pusa Yellow, which was selected decades ago in the Agronomy Division. In the earlier years of the scheme we collected seeds of varieties from all over India. Is there nothing in all this which we can give out as a superior strain for Delhi conditions? May I suggest that this may be looked into and, if necessary, a trial carried out during the coming season to finalize which one or two varieties we should multiply for distribution to the villages under the Intensive Cultivation Scheme?

Yours sincerely,

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