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Krishni Bhawan,
New Delhi,

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Replied

Dear Sir,

I hope you and your family had a comfortable journey and are now relaxing.

There has been no new development in Delhi since you left. There have been a few letters to the Editor in the various papers, and today there was a news item in the Patriot about one Dr. Khanna of IARI. I am collecting facts about it.

Your two letters to the two Ministers are still lying with me. Our Minister has not come back at all to Delhi since the 10th inst. and I do not want to send that letter through the office, and I also do not wish to deliver the other letter without obtaining our own Minister's reaction.

Sri Naider, Secy. P.D. has been asked to go back to his state and there is a rumour that the DARE is being merged with the Dept. of Agriculture. It has not been possible to ascertain the truth as the matter is being dealt with in the Cabinet Secretariat. Department of Personnel does not appear to know anything. I do not propose to deliver the other letter to HH, because it is likely to reach the Cabinet Secretariat, and will provide them a handle to merge the two departments.

As regards the interviews for

the five yearly assessment Minister has not passed any orders on the original file. But last night I received through Sri Rk. Lal of IADR a representation on the subject bearing the Minister's orders that "interviews should be postponed till a final decision is taken on my return to Delhi." I am informing Dr. Shahare accordingly.

With my best regards.

Yours sincerely,

W. Singh

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27. 5. 77

Dear Sir,

Our Minister at last came to Delhi yesterday. Dr. Shahare and myself could meet him for about 15 minutes last evening to discuss the problem of interviews for purposes of the 5 yearly assessment of scientists. The Minister has made the interviews optional.

30/5 I could also get another about 15 minutes today to explain to him the issues raised by Sri Chandra Shekhar in his letter to the Prime Minister. I also delivered to him your letter. To me he did not appear to be very attentive. Probably other important matters were weighing heavily on his mind. At the end he said that these matters should wait till the state assembly elections are over. A reply to Sri Chandra Shekhar can also be sent only then.

The Minister is going back to Punjab today, and nobody knows whether he will come back or not. I will keep you informed of any further developments.
With my best regards.

Yours sincerely
K. P. Singh