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MEMORANDUM

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For : ~~Chairman-ISRO~~

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Subject : Certain points regarding SEO.

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1 Chairman told me yesterday that Prof UR Rao had informed him about not-so-good publicity amongst the scientists about SAMIR, Bhaskara etc. In this context I checked up some facts with Dr Rangan and Chandra, and the position is as under.

We have to be careful in noting who the scientists are before we react to the situation. It will not be, for very obvious reason, Prof Sreekantan, Dr RN Singh, Dr Mitra, Prof Daniel and others who dominate generally the Space Sciences Symposium, based on which Prof Rao has reacted.

SAC is now disseminating SAMIR data to more than 200 persons on a regular basis. In fact, based on the recommendation of the SEO Management Board, SAC (Shri Kamat) has already taken action for printing of SAMIR data and disseminating it to more number of people who would be interested and who belong to allied disciplines. Immediately after the return of Prof Yash Pal this will be released. In this context I would also like to point out that any publicity of SAMIR should be focussed around SAC and, to the best of my understanding, they are doing full coordination with the Project Director on this matter.

2 On the question of potting for SEO, based on the recommendations of the SEO Management Board, Prof Yash Pal has taken necessary action in nominating a Committee to streamline some of the procedures and he has also requested Director, ISAC to nominate some persons. As the question is one of technical detail, Director-SAC has constituted a committee of working level engineers with overall supervision of their activities by Project Director-SEO, and Dr George Joseph, Principal Scientist, TV Payload. As I understand both George and Rangan are quite satisfied with this arrangement, and it appears that Director-ISAC has some misgivings. I am pointing this out to Chairman so that he may approach this problem rather cautiously in case Director-ISAC reports that there is a severe problem in this area. We believe that it is going on very smoothly.

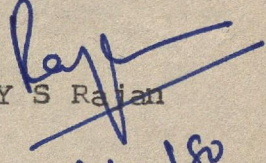
3 Solar Cell Experiment (SOCEX) - This is an area where the SEO Project has been practically cut off from data analysis and even with respect to the planning for the second Bhaskara.

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Chairman may recall his telling me about Seshadri's mis-giving that ISAC was not giving him data. I had reminded this matter to Prof Rao and also later checked with Rangan. It appears that this is being entirely handled by Prof Rao and Ashiya, without even any input to the Project. Since the interface is only within the ISAC Centre, Director-ISAC has the prerogative to run it the way he wants, though for any matter outside ISAC, the handle on information can be available only through the Project in a de jure process.

4. I am highlighting these points specifically for Chairman's information so that his reaction could be appropriate if any inputs about crisis on these fronts come to Chairman from Director-ISAC.

Regards.


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