

ASHUTOSH DEY

~~CHANDROON~~, Feeder Road.

P. O. ~~Bhadrak~~, (BANKURA).

Dated, 24<sup>th</sup> August 1947

My dear Dr. Krishnan,

I am exceedingly happy to receive your kind letter from Delhi, D. the 19<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1947. On opening the letter I could see the printed letter-head - National Physical Laboratory and Director, after your name, ~~and~~ I jumped up at once and shouted, "Wonderful". At this, my children came round me and asked me what happened, ~~and~~ I told them that Prof. Krishnan has become the Director of the National Physical Laboratory of India, which I long wished. I think that the post has been most worthily filled up and I am proud of it. I do not find any better man in India than yourself for the post. Now I am sure you will be able to build up the National Physical Laboratory of India after your own plan and choice and you will have ample scope for your research work with number of students to work under you, who will be able to work according to your plan and various problems you have in your mind.

I am glad to learn that you are staying in Delhi with your family and children. I am glad about Anbi's joining in the Physics honours class and Babu in the high school and Viji and Premma will join soon. I am glad to learn that Chellemma is with you now. Is Padma still at Lucknow?

I am sorry you won't be able to find time to come and open the College Union Science Exhibition but we would have been very glad to get you here for a day or two. However please do come and see

me at Bankura when next you come to Calcutta. Kindly drop me a line from Calcutta the time when you will reach Bankura. There are two trains from Howrah. — one leaves early morning at about 6 A.M. — arrives Bankura at about 3 P.M. another leaves Howrah at about 9 P.M. in the night reaches Bankura at about 4-30 A.M. early in the morning. On receipt of <sup>the</sup> information of your arrival I shall send a man to the station to bring you down to my house.

My children are very glad that you remember them in the midst of your pressure of work. My family know you very well and my wife talks of Padma + Chellemma often.

I am very glad to learn through newspaper that you have become a member of the board of Atomic Energy Research in India.

I hope Prof. Raman is doing his best to build up the Raman Institute at Bangalore and he is doing well with his wife and children.

Please remember me to your wife, Chellemma and Papa. I suppose you meet Dr. Venkataswarana in Delhi. Kindly remember me to him also.

With regards, I remain  
yours affectionately  
Ashutosh Dey.

Science Association  
My dear Prof Krishna, the 15<sup>th</sup> April 1942.

I received your letter, late, as I was not here for some time. I suppose you have received a letter with the Committee's resolution regarding the apparatus. Moreover, the apparatus, I mean, the Petrological microscope and the fiducial stage have already been packed and sent to Nadia. I handed over the

Income ~~tax~~ receipt to Mr. Thirumady. Regarding the deposits of Electric & Gas Co. Darwan left the receipt there & came away. Will you kindly write letters to them to refund you the money by M. O.

I could not meet that deaf man, so I could not return the cloth to him. I shall hand over the cloth to Mr. Thirumady, but I do not find him for some time, moreover your one packing case is lying in your room, I asked Mr. Thirumady to take it away but he did not turn up. I hope you are quite well there. All well at present here.

Yours affly  
R. Srinivasan

Dated, The 7<sup>th</sup> August 1947

My dear Prof. Krishnam,

Some time back in reply to your letter regarding the enquiry of my health to which I promptly replied stating the condition of my health at the time. Now I am still better. I hope you are keeping good health with your family and children. I am very much troubled that I do not get work to do and I do not get any nice journal to read. However, I am writing this letter to you to say that if you are free on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September next, then Bankura College Union wishes to invite you to open a Science exhibition. The function of the exhibition will be to demonstrate a few interesting physical and chemical experiments and a few experiments regarding Botany, and exhibition of Starry heavens by projection. The College Union and the students are very anxious to see you here and to listen to your learned talks regarding the latest researches and inventions in Science and they are very keen also to know how Scientific researches are going on abroad. The Union of course will be very glad to offer you your

travelling expenses by 1<sup>st</sup> class. If you kindly find a little time to come over here on the 26<sup>th</sup> Sept, the train from Gumoh reaches here at about 12 o'clock noon, Bengal time and start from here next day by the evening train via Asansol (of course you will be my guest during your stay here) and give an opportunity to Bankura College and school students to listen to your valuable talks about Science, and open the Science exhibition which will be inaugurated by you, the first of such ceremony in the college of Bankura.

I am expecting an early reply from you. Hope you won't forget about it as the College Union will be waiting for your acceptance and kind reply.

yours affectionately,  
Ashutosh Dey