



Dartmouth College HANOVER · NEW HAMPSHIRE · 03755

Department of Government

June 18, 1971

RECEIVED

28 JUN 1971

No. 01649

3202
Dear Rajubhai:

After fifteen weeks, I still do not have my visa from the GoI; and while I am confident that "eventually" the visa will arrive, the delay is now causing considerable inconvenience. In any event, we fully expect to reach India in September, after a month in London and a few days in Geneva.

Our present plans call for us to depart from Boston for London on August 22; from London to Geneva on September 19; from Geneva to Bombay, on SWISSAIR 308, to reach Bombay at 07:10 on the morning of September 24. We have reservations at the Taj Mahal Hotel through the morning of September 28, when we shall fly to Baroda or Ahmedabad, depending on the urgency of attending to housing and schooling problems in Ahmedabad. Because of my affiliation with the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, we shall have to reside in Ahmedabad, at least at the outset.

Housing in Ahmedabad has proved to be somewhat more of a problem than we had anticipated. Friends there had assured us that we would find adequate housing at quite reasonable rates; but just a few days back I met an executive from Sarabhais who said that the market was very tight --especially for non-vegetarian westerners who wanted only short-term rentals. As a consequence, we have now started to consider again living in a hotel for a few months, despite the expense: we would not have to worry about rental periods, furnishing a house, locating a cook, offending our vegetarian neighbors, and so on. Also, we could more readily move on to Poona, where I also hope to work and where we have guaranteed housing, as soon as work in Ahmedabad and Baroda is finished.

While I am not presently doing my research on the Swatantra Party, I would very much like to meet with you, Masaniji, and others to discuss the recent elections and the forthcoming assembly elections. If you will be in Bombay from September 24-27, please try to contact us at the hotel, as we shall try to contact you at your office (assuming that you still have one after this recent "disaster"...). More importantly, we want to see you and your family again, and to introduce you to our second daughter, now three years old.

Looking forward to seeing you in September....

Smear, / Howard