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My dear Raju,

Thank you for your letter of the 7th June, and for the usual complaints.

I have seldom had as bad a time as this in Bombay. Apart from the fact that I was cooling my heels from 2.30 till late in the evening simply waiting for sufficient people to be got together to have a meeting, I wasted a lot of time trying to reach people over the telephone and had also to wade through flooded streets. I seem to have forgotten what Bombay can be like when the heavens open and it pours. It was brought to my consciousness very forcibly.

I simply could not reach you on the telephone and I left the next day. I had to see Palkhivala and, with the telephone not working, special trips were necessary to Bombay House to find out where he was and I was finally able to locate him late at night at his house.

It would certainly be interesting to know a little more about what you hint at in the third paragraph of your letter. I have a meeting in Bombay on the 25th June and will be arriving by the morning flight that day. Are you leaving for Poona on Saturday, the 26th, morning or can we meet earlier that day? I have a dinner engagement with Palkhivala on the evening of the 25th, but I suppose we can always meet for a few minutes some time in the afternoon, if this is convenient to you.

About S.R. Purohit, we are not recruiting from outside to fill this position as there is a member of the staff who is being sent to Jaipur. If any vacancy does arise, I will certainly bear in mind what you have said.

Yours,
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