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6, Mausambagh, Lucknow-20

5th February, 1990.

My dear Mr Raju,

Thank you for your letter, dated Jan.22,1990 and the enclosed cheque. The receipt, duly signed is attached herewith. You need not bother about the small amount of the honorarium. I do not write for any monetary gain. I do so ^{to} only mould public opinion in favour of the rural masses. Nothing much has been gained; only I have acquired some sort of notoriety, as a knowledgeable person on rural affairs. But I doubt, that none except perhaps Vishwanath Pratap Singh has the imagination or determination to leave the beaten path, as far as the economy of the country is concerned. I am of the view, that unless the system changes, nothing much will be achieved. I will try to do my best to put some sense in their heads, in respect of rural economy, which is fast deteriorating, leading to large scale exodus from villages to cities in search of employment. Only yesterday, before I left for Lucknow from my farm, 50 able-bodied persons have gone from my village to Bombay.

I will send to you some material, which I have prepared as background material for the Committee, which I have to chair. These are not in the form of articles; but I have full faith in your expertise, as an editor, to give the material the proper shape.

Please convey my compliments to Mr Masani. I wonder, why he has stopped inviting me to L.S.P. Seminars? He perhaps ^{rightly} thinks that I can ^{only} talk on the most boring subject, viz agriculture. Those seminars were great occasions for get-together.

I may get an office and a residence in Delhi soon to be able to conduct the affairs of the Committee. I will keep you informed.

With regards,

Sincerely yours,

Bt Singh

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P. S. just now, I am sending you an article, for whatever it is worth. Bt