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My dear Hanumantha Rao,

You must have been taken aback to receive my telegram sent to you today, copy attached. We have agreed to organise a series of training courses for the young people in Bihar to help Jayaprakash with his educational activities. The content of the courses should be more or less on the lines of the Leslie Sawhny Programme but the camps should be run by some constructive work organisation sponsored by Jayaprakash Narayan and not in the name of the Leslie Sawhny Programme. We are as it were, providing the technical assistance since we have the experience.

Naturally we had thought of you as the man to be in charge of the camps as you have the necessary background and experience. I am sure you will enjoy this work which should be of a challenging nature.

Before I could plan and write to you about it, Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan wired requesting that you reach Patna on the 17th June. This is probably too late now but I have promised him that you will reach Patna as soon after the 17th as may be possible.

In the first instance we shall plan two 10-day camps. Mr. Jayaprakash will of course carefully select participants. He will also provide the location for the camps. Our contribution will be to get the discussion leaders from Benares (Amritananda Das and Sujata Das Gupta) and others we are in contact with in Ranchi. Unfortunately, Deshpande is away on leave till Tuesday. I am therefore writing to MCM in his place.

I propose to arrange if possible for Deshpande to visit Patna and join you when you are there. I am hoping that you will reply to my telegram and inform me when you reach Patna so that we can coordinate our efforts. Naturally, your travelling expenses to Patna will be reimbursed to you as soon as we know how much you have spent.

Yours sincerely,

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