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My dear J.P.,

I trust your wound is healing and your health is not letting you down despite the provocation and the heat!

Naturally, I am following very closely and keenly all the news from Patna. So far, so good.

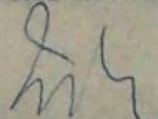
Apropos the editorship of Everyman's, I understand from Dilip Chitre that he and A.B. Shah, who had been recommended to Goenka by Achyut Patwardhan, both met Goenka recently. The final choice, according to Goenka, will be made by him after he meets you and consults you.

In view of this I thought I would drop you a confidential line to share two thoughts. The first is that Shah is already doing a good job at Quest on a small honorarium of Rs.500/-. If he were to leave Bombay for Delhi, it would be difficult to replace him on those terms, which is all we can afford. On the other hand, Dilip is already getting Rs.1500/- or more in the Indian Express group. While we in Quest could not afford him, he would happily take the Delhi job for a little more.

^{more} My second thought is that Dilip Chitre is undoubtedly the most idealistic and creative of the two and would bring a freshness to Everyman's that it badly needs.

This is only for your own consideration and need not be shared with anyone else.

Yours sincerely,



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