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FROM
THE SECRETARY TO
THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA,
LONDON.

TO
THE SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
MADRAS, INDIA.

Sir,

I am desired to address you on the subject of the admission of Indian students to educational institutions in this country. As you are perhaps aware, there is a feeling in certain circles in India that sufficient efforts are not always made by the High Commissioner's office to secure the admission of Indian students to the Universities, Colleges and Technical Institutions for which they are best suited. Since assuming charge, Sir Atul Chatterjee has given much personal attention to this question, and he finds that, to a very large extent, difficulties in securing admission for Indian students to educational institutions in the United Kingdom have been due to a lack of method and delay in submitting the necessary applications on behalf of the students.

2. All educational institutions in the United Kingdom, including universities and technical colleges, begin their academic year in the first week of October.

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Prior to this there is a long vacation, when the college authorities are very often away; while in the summer term, that is to say, from the middle of April to the middle of June, the Professors and the Heads of Departments, as well as the Administrative Staff, are ordinarily fully occupied with the annual examinations. Consequently, arrangements for admission for the following academic year are usually made by the college authorities as early as April or the beginning of May. Accommodation in educational institutions in this country, of all types and grades, has been since the close of the war insufficient to meet the demand. In many cases, and especially in those of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, there are long waiting-lists of candidates, and, except in the case of scholars chosen after an entrance examination, applications for admission to the Colleges have to be made by British candidates a year or more beforehand. In these circumstances you will readily appreciate the fact that serious difficulty is experienced in finding room for candidates for admission from India whose applications do not reach this country by the beginning of April. It is true that in some cases Indian students have been able to obtain admission, even though their applications, or they themselves, have arrived very late. But success in such cases has only been due to the fortunate chance of a casual vacancy occurring through a previously selected student having fallen out for some reason or other.

I am therefore desired by Sir Atul Chatterjee to request that, as a general rule, intimation, with full particulars, regarding all students wishing to enter an

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educational institution in this country at the beginning of the academic year in October may be sent in time to reach the High Commissioner's office not later than the 7th April. Sir Atul realises that, in some instances, Indian students have to await the result of the Indian University examination held in March and April before sending their applications to this country. But in such cases, if the student has decided to apply for admission to an educational institution in this country, the best course will be to send his application in time to reach this office by the date mentioned above, and, if he secures any additional qualifications later, to communicate these, either by letter or by cable, as soon as possible.

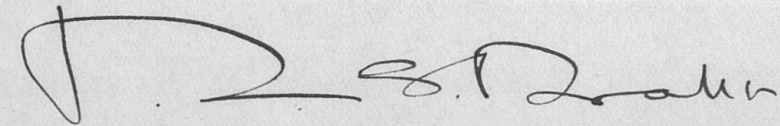
3. The High Commissioner understands that in some cases, where scholarships or stipends are granted by Universities it may not be possible to make a definite selection of a candidate in time for intimation to reach this office by the date mentioned above. In such cases, if the fact that a student is likely to come with a particular scholarship and for a definite course of studies is communicated to this office before the name and the special qualifications of the selected candidate are known, it may be possible for the High Commissioner to arrange for the reservation of a vacancy in a suitable educational institution.

4. The timely receipt of applications from Indian women students is particularly necessary. In their case, Sir Atul Chatterjee considers it of great importance that arrangements should be made beforehand, so far as possible, for admission not only to a good college but also to a hostel or residential

hall. Hostel accommodation for women students in this country is very limited, and the High Commissioner considers it generally undesirable that they should have to find accommodation in ordinary lodgings. More than one case has recently come to the notice of the High Commissioner in which a young Indian girl student has been sent at very short notice, with the result that it has not been practicable to make such satisfactory arrangements both for study and for residence as would have been possible had timely information of her arrival been received.

5. Sir Atul Chatterjee hopes that the request contained in this letter will receive very careful attention in the case of all students coming with stipends or scholarships either from a Provincial Government or from a University. He considers that it will be deplorable if, in the case of such students, their chance of obtaining really suitable accommodation in Universities and Colleges is prejudiced by delay in sending to him information regarding their application. He also hopes that the considerations to which he has drawn attention will be brought prominently to the notice of all students who propose coming to England for educational purposes and to that of their parents or guardians.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,



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