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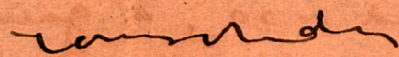
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I do not know whether any of your friends Mr. Padshah or others can help me in this respect. I again make my position clear. It is the institution that nominates me to the company. The company always has a right to accept it or reject the nomination. The company spends a good deal of money in training the students. The company in so doing follows the principle of enlightened self-interest. The company thinks that the students trained under its auspices would either serve it or serve its interests when out in the profession. The company is not sure that a student from India can get into the profession, and hence it likes to ascertain whether there is any chance for me to be able to serve its interests. Under these circumstances they want to know the backing behind me; and if that be assured, the admission is certain.

This letter would be reaching you by the beginning of April. The group goes into cooperation course in the beginning of June; so at the most there is a month before you to arrange if you can for me. Sir Dorab Tata, it is just likely, may move to the hills by April; so if you think you can do anything in the matter, I request you to do it soon.

I got MS124 quite alright with the last mail. It has cost me only 5 annas. The tin was all broken; as it is bound to be; it can not withstand the pressure from other things that may have been piled on it. But the stuff comes alright. It would cost us a time. We are so many over here. But I request you not let it be your first and last parcel.

With respects -


Trikanlal.