

March 31, 1987

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Dear Mr. Ryabov:

This has reference to your visit with us on February 27, 1987 and the exchange of views which took place between us. I enclose some points which were taken up in our discussions only as a basis of objectives that we possibly could set for ourselves.

The particular points are not so important as the basic objective which perhaps would be acceptable by all concerned including the frame work of relationship between the Soviet Government and the Indian Government and the mechanism by which the manifestations of policy matters between the two governments take place.

I should like to confine myself to how a university like ours views at our limited horizon the unfolding of such a relationship. I would like to suggest that the very presence of one Soviet expert under the existing plan to teach Russian language to senior students of this Institute need not remain in this limited scope. The presence of a Soviet expert can also act as a catalyst to explore new avenues of mutual interest. I am very glad to note that you have already initiated through Prof. S.V. Kiruta avenues to marshal efforts in order to create certain activities to generate more awareness of the culture of the two countries in a university setting. We are happy to extend all help towards the programmes which have been already put on the agenda of action. I note that the 'Soviet Day' will be held in Pilani from April 13-15, 1987, through the good offices of the Soviet Embassy. This is just the beginning and I hope other activities will emerge.

In this connection I would like to give a small suggestion for your kind consideration. Prof. Kiruta has been

here since 20th October, 1984. Perhaps it would be ideal to keep him here for at least two more years so that he can see through the crystallization of some of the ideas which we have already discussed and feel are worthy of pursuit. This suggestion of mine need not be taken as an attempt to interfere with the official policy of either the Soviet or Indian government or its agencies. But it seems to me, those who are responsible for such detailed decisions may keep this important factor in mind.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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(C.R. Mitra)

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