

PMPIS, 5th Nov 58.

My dear Bengali,

Delighted to have your letter & to know that ~~both~~ you & Monique will be again back in France. We thought of you so ~~very~~ often & last week I wrote a letter which crossed the one you sent. Hope you got it.

I will bear in mind the problem of finding a room for you, & will even tell friends. I haven't seen Madame 'Gillet' for 4 months now, - I feel bossy about it, but I shall make it ~~if possible~~ possible this week & find out if ^{the room at} Chaptal is still available.

As I wrote to you last time, I am coming to India with a plan of 5-6 months stay. Your description of things ^{is rather} frightening, but I have somehow lived ~~with~~ ^{amongst} the people that I am not at all surprised. What is rather painful is to ^{know} ~~see~~ that ~~that~~ ^{I love} ~~the~~ all the same. little or no evolution. - for better or worse!

If you can't get the room at Chaptal.

You could take my logement for 6 months from
January - ^{if it suits you} I think ~~it should be possible~~ my publisher
should not mind but we shall see it when you come
It's only a question of 10 days!

Now ~~in my town~~, may I also ask you
for a favour. Could you bring me two ^{Indian} curtains ~~for~~
~~from the Indian Cooperative stores~~ when you come.
I think you get excellent stuff from the Collage industry
or the Indian Cooperative stores in Ph. M. Road. ~~for~~
I will pay you the money here, but ~~this is very~~ ^{possible}
~~that~~ you will render me a service as I want it
as a gift ~~for~~ to Jacques Lestaigne. ~~It~~ So
please choose something really nice - say around
~~20 to 30~~ ^{to 100 Rs} 80. Big curtains, a pair, or perhaps
one piece which we can cut here. ~~Something~~
Something Indian but not too decorated

