

Paris, 4th July 1966.

Respected Sir,

Your 2nd letter dated 19th June reached me this morning. Already last Friday I had met Mr. Justice Abhyankar & his wife. He had written to me from London & I called at his hotel at the first opportunity. We spent the afternoon & evening together & it was indeed a great pleasure for me to meet him. We had long & enlightening conversation. He wanted to see the city & the art galleries & so I took him to the Saint Germain des Pres where in some streets every alternate shop is an art gallery. He visited also the Galerie Lara Vincy where I have been showing my work for the last ten years. The drive in modern art intrigued them & we had some interesting talk with an American art dealer.

Later I took them to the Café "deux Magots" made famous by the French writer Jean-Paul Sartre. We had some light drinks & we talked about India, Nagpur & the Nagpur School of Art. It was good to hear him speak - to see him express situations & conditions clearly & with such profound understanding of problems. I was also pleased to know his fresh reaction to the occidental world where industrialisation has so much affected human beings.

Unfortunately, my wife could not join me. Her mother was run down by a car while she was crossing the street. Nothing very serious, but it's a double fracture ^{of left foot} & the plaster will last two months. So Janine had to be in the hospital.

during the visiting hours between 6-30 pm & 8-30 pm.

Justice Abhyankar & his wife had visited Versailles the same morning & were tired. So I drove them round the city, on the Seine, Eiffel tower & the Avenue des Champs Elysees & took them over to their hotel at 9-30 pm.

Our meeting was short but I felt I had met a close relative. Mrs Abhyankar is also wonderful. I was sorry I could not meet them on Saturday. I had to be at St. Fargeau - our country house where I had an appointment & on Sunday morning they were leaving.

This meeting was most inspiring for me. I am happy to have news about Nagpur from them as also from your last two letters. We are planning & we hope that our trip to India will materialise this winter. If all goes well we will be in Nagpur for a short stay in January 6's.

I hope you have received my last letter dated 27th June.

I will write to you again & as our plans grow. We have been concerned about my mother-in-law who will leave the hospital today. As she cannot at all walk we will have to take care of her for atleast a month. But as I said there's nothing to worry about, the X-ray photographs indicate that the bones are in place. It's only a matter of time.

I send this letter with all my respects to you & to Vahni. Please write when you find time.

Yours ever

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