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Dear Raza,

Our congratulations to you on your becoming a Padma Shree!

We should have sent you a telegram but unfortunately I missed out on reading the list of the recipients and it was only when somebody mentioned it the other day that I realised that you had been honoured. I do hope you are coming to India to receive the award personally.

To allay your fears about your painting, Sally Holkar took delivery of it about 3 weeks ago. She needed a carpenter to fix the 4 sides together and was waiting till she had one in her house. As for the amount I had asked the Holkars to send the cheque directly to Madhya Pradesh Kala Parishad. Why don't you write to Ashok Vajpayee and ask if this amount has been received from the Holkars?

You ask us to keep your dates fixed for 1983! Perhaps you will be surprised to know that we have received a notice from the Museum and Jehangir Art Gallery for eviction and the case has already been filed in the small causes court. They had taken similar action against all the tenants (Samovar being their main bone of contention) and now we have this added problem of having to consult a lawyer, appear in courts etc. Being a public trust I believe we can't remain as sanguine as other tenants are about the cases taking anywhere between 7 to 10 years. The whole case could be expedited and we could find ourselves thrown out! I really don't know what our defence or stand is going to be. We are seeing a lawyer today and will move step by step. It is really all in the laps of the Gods and I am not unduly worried or agitated. I suppose I should be, specially when the factory has also been closed since six months ~~and~~ due to labour trouble ^{and} we are moving along that front also trying to find a radical solution.

So dear friends life is a struggle whichever job or situation you are in. Three cheers however for all the joys of life like our friend getting the Padma Shree!

Much love to Janine and yourself.

Ever,

Yours sincerely,

Khorsheed.