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31st August, 1978

Dear Dr. Bhanaji bhai Patankar,

Your letter dated August 7, 1978, redirected from Paris reached me in my village in South of France. I have been unwell, absent + underwent recently an operation in Nice. Hence this delay in my reply to your letter.

It's indeed a consolation for me that something concrete + positive is being done for our teacher Shri M. V. Athawale. He has constantly been in my thoughts since my visit to Nagpur in March 1976, + I have tried to be in touch with him regularly. I am happy that his life of selfless devotion to AA + AA-Education is finding an echo in the hearts of art lovers, artists + his numerous students.

The "light", the guidance given to us in early years of our lives is primordial. Our tradition underlines the importance of the Gurm. Parents give all they can, but the light + direction given to us in journey through life comes from the spiritual guide. No self realisation is possible without this guidance

at a formative period.

You all know how important Gururwar Shri Attawal has been in my life. I was hovering in the dark. I was a student in his school, but also a child in his home. Late Mrs Attawal would bring me food, when she found me working late in the evenings. The music performances in the nights were highs of my happiness. I will never forget.

Please convey to all those who care for all that is best in "life", that the medium that contains immortal "light" is also very important. This in fact is the right time to come to assistance - morally & materially, ~~and~~ in simple awareness of our gratitude.

As far as I am concerned, I have done my bit in this direction & will continue to do so to the best of my ability. A cheque was sent to him in May 1978 & another will follow as soon as possible.

My letter will surely reach late for the felicitation function organised by the Vidarbha Nat Society, but please know that nothing could make me happier than this timely initiative.

Most Sincerely,



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