

Dated: 08-04-04

My dear Ravindra,

Good Wishes !

Please find enclosed the children's academic progress report of Asha Shikshan Sansthan for half year ending December 03. The examination was held during Jan 04. I have earlier sent 2 messages through email. I do not know whether you have received those. As confirmed by Shri Ballabh , a receipt for \$1860 has already been forwarded to you by him. The details as to how the money has been spent are as under

Items	Amount Sanctioned	Amount received & dates from Kaithi	Amount expended so far as on 7-4-04	Amount yet to come from Asha Kaithi
Tin shed, other fitments labor	Rs. 20,600	Rs. 20,000 (22-10-03)	Rs. 5770	Rs.13,350 Asha Kaithi releases the amount in installments. School construction is in progress. To be completed by end of April 04 soon after the receipt of the full amount as sponsored.
Desks, chairs and other accessories	Rs.15,000	Rs. 15,000 (15-11-03)	Rs.11,663	
Brajendra Bhai & teachers salary	Rs. 36,000	Rs. 22,000 (13-02-04)	Rs. 36,000	
Study material Other benefits	Rs. 11, 900	Rs. 15,000 (7-4-04)	Rs. 11, 649	
Rent for lease (one acre land)	Rs.1850		Rs. 3750	
Total	Rs. 85,350	Rs. 72,000	Rs. 68,832	

You may please see from the above progress report that there are 72 children on our roll now. The proper set up, because of the financial support started by you since Sep 03 has given very good name to our Sansthan amongst the Dalits and labor community, whose children come only to our Sansthan for education. The recurring expenses period expired on Feb. 04. We have not heard anything for the second half year as already sponsored by you. I have recently managed to get an email address and will collect my mail every time from there. Telephone messages may be sent on telephone no. (05494) -260425, which belongs to Vijai Bhai PCO. If given 2 hours time, he will locate and call me there to receive telephone message personally. You may please call on above number as and when needed. I am very keen to have different ideas for social work to be done here. As far as my own principles are concerned, it is broadly (1) democracy (Mill ideals) and (2) Gandhian communism (Gandhi himself) . Both are absent in the world even now. India's democracy is said to be the best in the world, but I am not fully satisfied with it. It restricts human freedom manifold. Here, I agree with Mill both by heart and deeds and will go ahead accordingly with like minded people in the society whenever time so

permits me to act upon. As regards Gandhian communism, a lot is required to be done in the Indian society. There is hardly anyone here, not even the parliamentarians whom we have made to sit over our head. Then where the question comes for any improvement except the Third power (viz. people alone) who are supposed to be apolitical and even then always alert for "Total revolution" as explained by Shri Jay Prakash Narain during his last days of life. You and we are working towards it. Let us put our efforts more vigorously and in a more organized way for the society as far as possible. The results are not to be seen when we are at work. It will be seen after us by our generation. Besides, I may like exchange of views from any one of you. You may please convey this message to all our nearest dearest. I will be glad to receive their messages on the above subject and would feel proud to act on their behalf in the society, wherever and whenever they so desire from me to act upon. They may feel free to inform me and utilize my services as coordinator not only of Asha Shikshan Sansthan, but as Asha volunteer in any place in India where I currently reside. I can spare my time very well since a very good group is there to support me in the Sansthan and the community as well.

I am informed that you would like to contact me over telephone. I waited till now. I do not have your telephone number else I would have even contacted you on my own. You may please let me know the same.

Kindly convey my best wishes to all concerned well wishers and the supporters of the children. They also join me in conveying their heart felt regards to well wishers there in today's morning prayer when I informed them of writing this letter to you. I do not know whether you require another proposal from me. Besides the sponsored children, more students have come to our Sansthan. Whether and what treatment is to be given to be them needs your elaboration.

Thanking You,  
Yours Sincerely,  
Brajendra Bhai,

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P.S.

1. Sponsored expenses to be sent soon.
2. A fresh proposal for little improvement will be sent by me soon.