

15 December 1930.

Professor Bhai Balmukand,  
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INDIA.

Dear Balmukand,

I am very glad to hear that you are discussing the question of fertility and prosperity with the Census people, and others who could help, for I feel that only good local knowledge of the population will enable a satisfactory set of criteria to be arrived at.

I enclose a letter to Dr Keen, of which you may make any use you please. I hope it may be able to do some good.

Yours sincerely,

15 December 1930.

Dr B.A. Keen.

Dear Dr Keen,

I am writing this in the hope that it may be of use to my former student Bhai Balmukand, who as you will remember was a voluntary worker in the statistical laboratory at Rothamsted for nearly a year.

Balmukand showed himself a statistician and mathematician of ability beyond the ordinary, and quickly showed his appreciation of the power of statistical methods to improve in design and precision the methods of field experimentation. He carried out, thoroughly and well, some arduous work while with me, and I much hoped that on his return to India use would be made of his talents and training in the developing agricultural service.

I understand that he has given a number of successful lectures on the subject, but, if I may take this as an index, he has not yet been able even to obtain a calculating machine, and I much fear from this circumstance alone, that no adequate use has yet been found for his real abilities, at a time at

which they must be particularly needed.

Should you feel that this is due to any extent to an underrating of his capacity, rather than to difficulties inherent in the political situation, I should esteem it a favour if you would take any steps which your position permits, to allow him more extended opportunities.

Yours sincerely,