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Dated 8th Feb. '79.

Respected Dr.Naranjan Singh,

Sat Sri Akal. Thank you for your kind letter received here in January.

One very important thing which generally disturbs an Indian parent after engaging their son/daughter, is the question of settling dowry. Dowry system is as old in tradition as the human race is. Obviously, dowry might be striking your mind occasionally, if not frequently, after my acceptance of your daughter as my future life partner.

Perhaps you are not aware of my sentiments and temperament on the issue of dowry. I have been revolting against the existing age old bad traditions since my childhood, in my own way. Many customs have really debased the human race but still both literates as well the illiterates all over the world have been subscribing to them blindly.

My position on dowry system is crystal clear, I hate this existing custom and there is no place for compromise on this issue. Anyhow, I am completely ignorant about the views of my would-be life partner.

My marriage ceremony should be as simple as possible with minimum involvement of expenditure. By observing my example, society may not change, I am sure, but few rationalists will definitely be in a position to quote my case before it. I have always cared for the few and never for the crowd.

I will be visiting in the month of June as per decision taken by both families.

With deep regards,

Affectionately yours,

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