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11th November 2000

Dear Ms Barbara Verardo,

We had met more than a year ago when you were here in connection with your Ph.D. work on the tribals of Orissa, and especially on the states of Porahat, Kharsawan and Saraikela. As you might remember I am a direct descendant of the former rulers of Porahat and was very interested in your work as also I could be of some small help in providing some information.

I was hoping that we might meet again in between but I now hear that you left India some time ago and so I use your London address in the hope that this letter will somehow reach you.

My reasons for writing are two. One, I am still very keen to know a little about your findings on Porahat, especially if they were in fact tribals. It is a hobby of mine to discover how many so-called Rajput states were in fact tribals and how they have disguised themselves. Two, I have a document in my possession which I overlooked when you were here and which might be of some use in case your Ph.D. is not yet complete. It was a petition filed by my father to the then Governor of Bihar asking for financial assistance on the grounds that we are descended from Porahat: this document gives some details of family history including partitions.

My efforts to get other documents for you failed. My letter to the son of the former Raja of Ramgarh brought no reply - though he is my nephew. A member of the Kharsawan family who lives near me said he would show me a family tree but never did. Other relatives all had the same attitude. No one wants to admit his tribal ancestry - except myself.

I request you to please drop me a line if you have the time.

With best wishes,  
Yours sincerely,

*V.S. Pramar*

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