

U R G E N T

No: 1A-3659 / 21-2/28

Mandi, the 9th June 1929

Dear Madame,

Formal sanction of the Deputy Commissioner of Kangra for the alienation of the Hall Estate has not been received yet in spite of several reminders to him. It is not known where the delay lies. I have now requested the Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor General to move the Punjab Government to expedite the matter. In the meantime you are occupying the Estate as a tenant only and question naturally arises as regards rent of the two houses and the disposal of the fruit. You will agree with me that until the whole price of the Estate is paid to the Durbar and the property is transferred to Professor Roerich, he can not exercise the rights and privileges of a proprietor over the Estate. Please therefore send your Secretary or young Mr Roerich to Mandi to decide these matters with me. I am going out on tour on the 10th and expect to return here on the 19th and I will be obliged if your Secretary reaches Mandi on the 20th.

Trust you are keeping well and excuse my addressing this to you.

I remain

Yours faithfully

signed: Dinanath

Chief Minister
Mandi State.Mme N. Roerich,
Hall Estate
NAGGAR (Kulu).

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Naggar, Kulu, June 13th 1929

To His Honor
The Chief Minister
Mandi State
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Honored Sir,

Mae Roerich is in receipt of your letter of the 9th inst. and requests me to write you that she is very much astonished to receive such a letter, as you could have discussed all those matters with Prof. Roerich, when he was still here.

We are aware that Prof. Roerich considers himself the owner of the Estate, having paid Rs:40,000/- and carrying all the burden of the expenses of managing and running the Estate and Orchard. Besides that you always assured Prof. Roerich, that the delay is "only a routine matter and takes up time".

As you know, you told Prof. Roerich in my and Mr. George Roerich's presence on February 28th when receiving the earnest money, that Prof. Roerich from that moment took over possession.

Prof. Roerich left with both his sons and I cannot leave the Estate, because I have no sanction to negotiate for him.

I am sorry to mention again that Prof. Roerich begged you not to trouble Mrs Roerich on account of her ill-health. Please, therefore refer all matters to Prof. W. Roerich and his lawyer in New York (313 West 105th Street).

Yours very truly

Secretary to Prof. W. Roerich.