

"Crockety",
Kalimpong.

4th April, 1953

Dear Major Kapur,

I write this letter on behalf of dGe-bses
She-trup (bSad-sgrubs), a learned Buriat Mongol lama from
the great Labrang Monastery, who has come with a companion
to Kalimpong with the intention of visiting Bodhgaya. He
tells me that the local authorities have advised him to
approach you in order to secure the necessary permit. His
application (in Tibetan) addressed to the Ministry of
External Affairs, Government of India, is enclosed herewith.
He is a genuine lama and I hope something could be done to
help him. I trust you will excuse my troubling you with the
above matter.

Thanking you and with kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Major B.K. Kapur,
Political Officer in Sikkim,
The Residency, Gangtok, Sikkim.

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Crookety,

13th April, 1953

Thank you very much for your D.O. letter No.
7(3)-P/53, dated the 10th instant.

Geshe She-trup is most grateful for your
kind interest in his case.

With my personal thanks and good wishes,

Major B.K. Kapur,
Political Officer in Sikkim,
The Residency,
Gangtok, Sikkim.

Coochety,
Kalimpong.

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3rd February, 1954.

I hope you will excuse my troubling you again about a permit for the three Buriat Mongol monks who came to India in 1953. The three men (rdo-rans-pa bSad-grub, his novice bLo-bzan Ni-ma, and a companion Zla-ba bzan-pe) were allowed, after your kind intercession on their behalf, to go on a pilgrimage to the Buddhist Sacred Places. In January, 1954, they returned to Kalimpong and were told by the local Police Authorities that their permits could not be extended, and that they had to leave for Gangtok and submit their case before you. They sent you an application requesting the granting of permits to remain in Indian territory. They had to do it, as they have really no place to go to. Under normal conditions, they could return to Tibet, but in view of the prohibitive cost of living in that country and the absence of personal income, a return to that country becomes extremely difficult. I advised them to go to see you and put their case before you. They are asking for a permission to stay in some Buddhist monastery in Indian territory, the place to be decided by the Authorities.

I am told that their countryman dge-bses bZan-pe, now Lecturer of Tibetan in the Calcutta University and whom you probably know, has also applied on their behalf, and that a letter has been received from him, saying that the Security Authorities in Calcutta wished to interview them, and had asked one of them to come down to Calcutta. This letter, I am told, has been sent to rdo-rans-pa bSad-grub to Gangtok. I have known rdo-rans-pa bSad-grub for the last year and can state that he is a genuine Buddhist monk and a good scholar. I am sure they will deeply appreciate any assistance or advice extended to them.

Thanking you for your interest in their case, and with kindest regards,

Major B.K. Kapur,
Political Officer in Sikkim,
The Residency,
Gangtok, Sikkim.