

Crookety,
Kalimpong.

23rd August, 1955.

My dear Dr. Lokesh Chandra,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, and I am very glad to hear that your Father contemplates a visit to the Soviet Union in the near future.

On arrival in the USSR, he should visit the Institute of Oriental Studies (Institut Vostokovedeniya) of the Academy of Sciences (Moscow and Leningrad) which is the centre of oriental research, and which has inherited the manuscript and book collections of the former Asiatic Museum of the Academy of Sciences (founded in 1818). The Institute possesses a large collection of Tibetan books (the largest outside Tibet proper), a splendid Mongol collection and a unique collection of Hsi-hsia manuscripts and blockprints brought back in 1908-9 by General P.K.Kozlov, the eminent Russian explorer of Mongolia and Tibet.

Tibetan and Central Asian collections are to be found in the Hermitage Museum and the Russian Museum in Leningrad, and at the Museum of Oriental Cultures in Moscow.

Most of the Buddhist monasteries in Buriat Mongolia had their printing establishments. The largest was at the Aginski datsan (the Aga monastery) in Buriat-Mongolia. I presume books can be ordered through the Institute of Oriental Studies.

I would suggest to read my paper "Indology in Russia" which appeared in the Journal of the Greater India Society, vol. XII, No. 2 (July, 1945), Calcutta, in which the story of Buddhist research in Russia before and after the Revolution is told at some length.

When visiting Leningrad, your Father should visit the Buddhist Temple in the suburb Novaya Derevnya. The building of the temple was supervised by a State appointed committee under the chairmanship of the late Academician V.V. Radlev. My father, Professor Nicholas Roerich, was a member of the committee.

I suggest your Father should communicate with me before going to Russia as I may have some more things to tell him.

I have received the parcel of index cards for the Lama Losang Tshul-trim, and shall pass it on to him as desired.

Please convey my best greetings to your Father and congratulate him on the success of his mission to China.

With kind regards,
Yours very sincerely,

Gautam Roerich

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My dear Dr. Lokesh Chandra.

Many thanks for your letter
of the 16th, and for sending me the
Śloṣamayaṅkāra, ed. by Obermiller.
I am very sorry to have given your Father
all this trouble with *Viśvavāra*, II. They
were duty-bound to exchange it, for
the original slip was in the volume which
said that a defective copy will be exchanged.
I was very glad to hear from your Father.
I wrote to him on the 21st instant. Did
he see the *Buddhist Vāra* in *Seni-*
grad? When will you publish the
Metāyutpatti? My study of the *śūdo*

Dialect will be ready about May.
My translation of the Chag lo-tā-ba's
account of Magenta is the first leaf
of the XIII A.D. has gone to Press. It will
contain an Introduction, Tibetan text
in transcription and Translation.
Where will you keep your Father's
collection? Delhi, or Nagpur?
I hope this letter will find you
restored to health.

With best wishes to your Father
and yourself.

Yours very sincerely
G. A. B. B. B.

P.S.

Will photographic
reproductions of the
Five hundred Gods of
S'har-than be available,
and for what price?