

States Department,

The 1st August 1947 ~~1948~~*Dear Raja Sahab*

Thanks for your letter of the 31st July 1947 which was handed to me by your Foreign Secretary. I am very glad to know that you have decided to accede to the Dominion and are prepared to sign the Standstill Agreement. I shall ask my Secretary to keep these two documents ready for your signature as soon as we get printed copies.

As regards the third question you have referred to, unfortunately up to the 15th August the Political Department have full say in these matters; but we shall take this over after the 15th August and I shall try to help you to secure better results.

I am sorry to hear that you have been ill for some time. I hope by the time this letter reaches you you will have been restored to normal health.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Vallabhbhai Patel

His Highness Raja Anand Chand,
Raja of Bilaspur (Kahlur),
Punjab Hills States.

States Department,
New Delhi.
The 12th August, 1947.

My dear Raja Sahab,

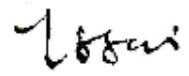
I am desired by His Excellency the Viceroy and Sardar Patel to acknowledge the receipt of the instrument of Accession signed by Your Highness on behalf of your State, and to say that they both appreciate the part played, and the sacrifice made, by Your Highness in arriving at this agreement, at such short notice, in the common interest of the Dominion of India and the States. They hope that the era of cooperation between the Dominion and the States, as exemplified by this Instrument of Accession, will in due course strengthen the country as a whole socially, economically and politically.

2. The Standstill Agreement (in duplicate) signed on behalf of Your Highness's State has also been received.

3. One copy of the Instrument of Accession signed by the Governor-General of the Dominion of India and one copy of the Standstill Agreement signed on behalf of the States Department of the Dominion will be returned to Your Highness shortly after August 15.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,


(C. Cr. Desai).

AFN/-

His Highness Raja ^{Sw}Amend Chand, KCIE,
Raja of Bilaspur.

Ministry of States
New Delhi,

The 1st June 1949.

My dear Raja Sahib,

I had many talks with your Development Minister and I can tell you that I have spent on Bilaspur more time in argument with you and your Advisers than I spent in forming the Madhya Bharat Union. Your Highness must have some consideration towards me and to the responsibility which I carry. I told you that as a special case I am prepared to keep Bilaspur as a separate entity: that I am again prepared to see that Your Highness and your people are represented on the Council. I would further add that if there is a difference of opinion between the Administrator and the Council I shall instruct the Administrator to refer the matter to the Government of India for decision. Those are all concessions which I have made in deference to your wishes. I cannot do more and I suggest to you, in which I wholeheartedly joins me, that you should without delay sign the agreement. I was thinking of coming there but I understand that it is not possible for an aeroplane to land in Bilaspur. This means that I shall have to set apart two days for a visit to Bilaspur which it is impossible for me to spare in the near future. I have got many problems facing me and in the absence of Sardar it is extremely difficult for me to spare

two days. I do hope you will appreciate the position. Please come here as soon as possible and sign the agreement. ~~of the agreement.~~

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. A. S. S.

His Highness Raja Sir Anand Chand,
Raja of Bilaspur.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATES

D. 13930-P/YR

New Delhi, October 10, 1948.

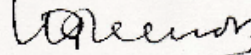
To

His Highness Raja Sir Anand Chand, K.C.I.E.
Raja of Bilaspur,
Bilaspur

Your Highness,

I am directed to say that the Government of India are pleased to appoint Your Highness as Administrator of Bilaspur State with effect from the forenoon of 12th October, 1948, and until further orders. Your headquarters will be Bilaspur.

Yours faithfully,



(V.P. Menon)

Secretary to the Government of India.

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COCKE TOWN
BANGALORE 5

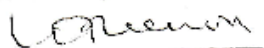
23rd September 1952.

My Dear Maharaja Sahib,

I read in the Statesman of yesterday that the Govind Sagar is gradually devouring the old Capital of Bilaspur including Your Highness's palace. I was sad when I read the news. The only State I visited in Himachal Pradesh when I was States Secretary was Your Highness's State. Whatever has happened one thing I for one cannot forget, namely the great sacrifice you and your people have made for the sake of the country. It was our intention at the time that the States Ministry should have complete control of the resettlement of the displaced persons. I hope that the rehabilitation of the people have been satisfactorily arranged to Your Highness's liking. I felt that I must write this letter to you and should let you know what I feel about the whole thing.

With my kindest regards to you and Her Highness,
I remain.

Yours very sincerely,



(F.P. Menon)

His Highness the Maharaja of Bilaspur,
BILASPUR.

(Himachal Pradesh)

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October 17, 1983

My dear *Rani Sahiba,*

I can well imagine how grief stricken you must be. I cannot still believe that Raja Anand Chand is no more with us.

Raja Anand Chand was not just an individual. He was an institution by himself and stood, all his life, for those basic values of life which make our worldly existence purposeful & self satisfying.

I had had the good fortune to know Raja Sahob quite closely and to work with him as a colleague. What a giant of intellect and of outstanding brilliance! As an administrator, also as a Statesman he was matchless. History shall always remember his great performance as a young prince & then as a member of the chamber of Princes. He fought for the interest of his state (Bilaspur) and got for it a status new & high. And that is why he was so highly respected & admired by the highest of the land.

Persons like Anand Chand never die. They continue to live through the permanency of their ideas & the ideals. Raja Anand will live --- and live always --- along with the name & the life of Bilaspur.

Our sincerest sympathies & prayers for you all.

Yours affectionately,

Shrichand Chhabra
(Shrichand Chhabra)

Her Highness
The Rani of Bilaspur,
BILASPUR. (H.P.)

TO MY BELOVED WIFE SUDARSHANA

But for whose encouragement *it*
~~this~~ would never have
been written —

THIS ESSAY NAMED "BILASPUR-A PEOPLE BETRAYED,"
is lovingly dedicated.

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The ~~University~~ *of* *Delhi* 1982.

Anand Chand
(Anand Chand) MIA (H.P.) 1977
His Highness Rajan Sir,
KCIB., Former Ruler of
Bilaspur.
Member Constituent Assembly
of India, (1947-48)
Member First Lok Sabha
(1952-1957)
Member Rajya Sabha
(1958-1970); also
First Chief Commissioner
of the Chief Commissioner's
State of Bilaspur
(October 1948-2nd April 1949)

1st page of his book.