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From

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Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta.

To

The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

Dated Calcutta, the 18th July 1935.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter No. 5206A dated the 15th July 1935 regarding the temporary promotion of one of the B. E. S. Professors of Philosophy to Grade 1 of the Bengal Educational Service.

On receipt of your letter I made some enquiries about the comparative merits of the publications of Drs. Nalini Kanto Brahma and Mahendra Nath Sarkar of a recognised authority on the subject, on whose opinion the greatest reliance can be placed. In his opinion, though Dr. Sarkar has written more books than Dr. Brahma, yet the 'Philosophy of Hindu Sadhana' written by the latter (Dr. Brahma) shows more definite thinking and precise scholarship than Dr. Sarkar's works. I do not wish to commit the name of the gentleman on paper, but would be prepared to give it to you over the phone.

As Dr. Brahma has moreover been acting as the head of the department and is an able and pains-taking officer, I would, therefore, recommend that he might be appointed temporarily to the Grade 1 of the Bengal Educational Service pending the permanent appointment.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

*B. M. Sen*

Principal, Presidency College.

Asutosh Building,  
July 18, 1935

Dear Principal Sir,

Your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> July.  
Dr. Mahendranath Sarkar has  
written more books than Dr. Nalinī  
Kanta Brahma. But Dr. Brahma's  
book 'Philosophy of Hindu Śādhana'  
appears to me to show more definite  
thinking & precise scholarship than  
Dr. Sarkar's works.

I regret I cannot give you  
an appointment, as I have not yet  
a private room here where I could  
talk confidentially.

Yours sincerely,  
K. C. Bhattacharya

B. M. Sen esq. M.A.

Principal, Presidency College,  
Calcutta.

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Dr. No. 123

17th July

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Dear Prof. Bhattacharya,

I shall be obliged if you will be good enough to give me your ideas about the comparative merits of the philosophical works of Dr. Malini Kanto -- Brahma and Dr. Mahendra Nath Sarkar, both Professors of this College, under the strictest confidence. The fact is that there is a question of temporary promotion and I would very much appreciate your expert opinion in the matter. If you will give me an appointment, I am prepared to see you at your office.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours sincerely,

*Pran Sen*

Prof. Krishna Chandra Bhattacharya,

George Fifth Professor of Philosophy,

Calcutta University.

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FROM

The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

To

The Principal, Presidency College.

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Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> July 1935

Subject:— Sir,

I have the honour to state that as Dr P.D. Shastri is now acting as Principal of the Rajshahi College, there is a temporary vacancy in the post of Professor of Philosophy in the Presidency college which has been included in grade I of the Bengal Educational Service.

It is proposed to fill this post temporarily by the promotion of one of the B.E.S professors of this subject.

I have now to request you to let us have your definite recommendations in this regard.

Of the men now acting in the Presidency college, Dr Nalini kanta Brahma is the senior. Dr Mahendra Nath Sarkar who is a junior also enjoys some reputation as a scholar. He was invited last year to proceed to Italy to deliver a course of lectures. Babu Manmatho Nath Mukherji now Professor of Philosophy at Krishnagar is the seniormost officer.

As the proposal will have to be submitted to Government, it is requested that reasoned statements justifying your nomination may kindly be supplied.

I have the honour to be  
sir  
Your most obedient servant

*W.K. Chandra*

Assistant Director of Public Instruction