

D.O. No. 49.

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Dear Dr. Datta,

I beg to refer to your D.O. letter No. 253, dated the 4th March, 1947, and to state as follows :-

Dr. Kar is not here at present. What I have been able to gather about him from records and from the personal impression of our present Head of the Department of Physics do not go in his favour. I have no doubt about the scholarship and research capacity of Dr. Kar but these alone do not make a man suitable for a job of Professor in a college. A teacher is expected to ~~work~~ after the welfare of his students as well as to take part in the building up of a corporate life of the institution he is in. Unfortunately Dr. Kar had been rather self-centred in his activity and never helped the student folk to any remarkable extent. On the other hand instances are known when he took very unhelpful attitude and refused to go through the students' records of work. As a colleague his association with the different Heads of his department has not been nice. After years of tolerance things came to such a pass that a feeling has grown about Dr. Kar which can perhaps be summarised in a simple sentence that "he ~~was~~ a nasty colleague".

Regarding his work on Theoretical Physics I should not venture to say much. I can only say that his work is not of a very outstanding quality. Some specialists in his subject expressed rather damaging opinion about his work.

Taking all these views together, I feel that the representations sent by Dr. Kar do not deserve much consideration. It will be a piece of definite injury to this college if he is appointed in the Senior Educational Service here in the Physics now.

I hope the expression of this opinion will be treated as very confidential. The papers connected with this matter and enclosed in your letter are herewith returned.

Yours sincerely,

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