

FROM THE HEADMASTER

  
 THE DOON SCHOOL,  
 CHAND BAGH P.S. NO. 11  
 DEBRA DUN.  
 B-8903/(222K)  
 Date: 10th July, 1970

Dear Commander Raju,

Thank you for your letter of 4th July received here just this morning.

We take boys between the ages of 11 & 12 and on this basis your son becomes eligible for admission in August 72 when he becomes 11 years old. But as we do not 'leavers' in August nowadays the old system of admission is somewhat changed and the bulk of new boys are taken only in January term when the ISC boys leave. There is another consideration. As the upper age limit for entry is 12 years, this means that few boys under 11 years are accepted for entry because if a last place is decided between 10½ and 11½ the headmaster will give priority to the older boy who cannot come the following year. It follows from this that your son's most likely time for entry will be January 1973 rather than August 1972 when in any case there will be few vacancies. When notice of the Entrance Test reaches you next year you may find that it will say that entry for boys of your son's age is unlikely in 1972 and that a boy would have to do very exceptionally well to obtain admission for one or two chance vacancies in August 72 that may occur. It is likely that he will be asked to take the Test again in 72 for entry in January 1973.

I am sorry that it all sounds so complicated. If your son is doing well in School in English and Maths, there is no need for you to worry about his entry here though you will see that it is likely to be a term older than the term for which he is originally due.

The Lawrence School takes younger boys and if you wish you may avail of the opportunity now and then decide when the time comes for him to move to Doon School.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,  
  
 (C.J. Miller)

Commander V.N. Raju,  
 Officer in Charge,  
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 Visakhapatnam 5  
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the development of the Indian Navy's blue water capabilities and in the war, which followed.

During the 1971 war my father was made head of the Base Maintenance Unit of INS Circars at Visakhapatnam that provided crucial wartime engineering maintenance support for ships of the Eastern Naval Command fleet that played a decisive role in the liberation of Bangladesh and the surrender of East Pakistan.

Later, circa 1972, my father was posted to INS Adyar in Fort St George Madras. At a dance performance arranged by another Dosco – Shri C Ramakrishna (66 K, 1945) whose niece Alarmel Valli was performing Bharatnatyam, my father found himself seated in the same row as Mr Gibson. Reportedly, a long look between master and pupil took place, as they sat some distance from each other, in

at Naval HQ in New Delhi. In 1965, he was posted to the INS Valsura Naval Base at Jamnagar where he was responsible for setting up the anti-aircraft defences for the base to defend against the air raids in which the base was targeted and bombed by Pakistani Air Force Sabre jet aircrafts. In Jamnagar during peacetime there were several continuous get-togethers with a Dosco Brahma Katju (199 T, 1942), a director at Digvijay Mills, and their families continued the friendship into the next generation.

In 1966 while posted to Western Naval Command Mumbai, my father set-up India's first Electronics Testing and Maintenance facility for advanced electronic weapon systems, radar and gyro at INS Angre in Bombay. From 1966-68 he was posted to Moscow and Vladivostok in the USSR and returned as the Fleet Electrical Officer on the first fleet of Petya Class Destroyers, which played a key role in

FROM THE HEADMASTER, THE DOON SCHOOL, DEBRA DUN-  
 The 27th March, 1972.

Registration No. B- 8903/(222-K)  
 (This should be quoted in all correspondence)

NAME Narayanan Rajendra Royji

Dear Sir/Madam,

- Your son/ward is entered on our waiting list for January 1973 and is due to take the Entrance Test to be held on Saturday, the 23rd September, 1972.
- A list of Centres is attached herewith. Will you kindly let me know as soon as possible the choice of centre from which your boy will take the Test. On hearing from you an Admission Card will be forwarded to you to enable the boy to take the Test.
- An examination fee of Rs. 10/- by crossed Postal Order payable to the Headmaster, Doon School, Debra Dun must be sent along with your letter intimating the choice of centre. Also please send 2 copies of the boy's passport size photograph.
- In your letter please indicate the class in which your boy is studying at present and the class in which he will seek admission in January 1973. It may please be noted that boys will be required to answer questions meant for admission into either Class VI or VII and not higher.
- Your boy should be instructed :
  - to answer questions which are specifically meant for the class to which he is seeking admission irrespective of his age;
  - to enter the registration number given on this letter on all his answer books;
  - if registered in more than one school, to state the names in order of preference and quote registration numbers of both the schools;
  - to take to the exam. centre his own writing materials
- There is no syllabus for the Test, but last two years' (1970 & 1971) question papers in English, Mathematics and Hindi can be had from the School Office on pre-payment of Rs. 6/- including postage. They are not sent VPP. (In case of foreign candidates, please send Air Mail charges of Rs. 5/- extra)
- If you are resident abroad (other than the countries mentioned in the Centre List) and your boy is with you he can take the Test at the office of the Local Indian Embassy/High Commission provided you get us the consent of the Education Officer at the Embassy. In case the Embassy/High Commission cannot hold the Test then you may arrange with the Principal of the school where your boy is studying to hold the Test on our behalf on 23rd September. On receipt of the consent letter we shall arrange to send the question papers to either of them direct. It may please be noted that you will be required to bear the expenses incurred in this connection.
- Your reply must reach us, in the proforma annexed below, as soon as possible.
- If you wish your boy to take lunch at the Centre, please inform the school/centre concerned and remit the cost direct to them at least a week in advance.

Yours faithfully,  
 Sd/- E. J. Simson  
 Headmaster.