

Jaffna,
09.5.1980

My dear Bala,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 27.4.80, sent on behalf of Eros Belam comrades and which was handed to me today by comrade Kandiah (30/4/80):

I am indeed happy and thank you and your comrades for having graciously withdrawn from me the responsibilities I would otherwise have owed to your group.

I have however noted for compliance the new requirement set that all contacts with the group and all correspondence should be exclusively through comrade Kailash

I have also noted the group's point policy decision

From the contents of the letter under reference it becomes clear that a new situation has arisen. A new group has been born and that the continuance of the old working committee appointed by S.G. has been revoked.

The only inference possible is that the activities of EROS the offspring of London EROS have reconstituted themselves as a new self governing and independent group under the amended name and style of its original name EROS Belam. As consequence of the above, the resultant position is that the new group under EROS Belam has severed its links with EROS, London. This immediately raises the question whether London will agree to your use of the name EROS. I leave that matter to your group and to EROS London as I cannot anticipate their reaction and also that of the new group.

I must, however, for completeness of record make it known, if not already known that the local EROS consisting of 6 of us was created by and functioned under the auspicious and patronage of London Eros. It is true that the committee of six have since withered away and do not operate as a Committee. But we still have not severed our connections with London Eros. We owe a primary duty to Eros London to at least keep them informed of developments whether good or bad. I have a moral and inescapable duty to keep London informed. It is in this spirit, I shall in due course forward a copy of your letter to them. I presume you too will inform them of your decision. In view of the foregoing you will appreciate I will continue my intimate contact with Eros London, only recently I had put the finishing touches to a memorandum setting out my views on the problems and the need for a Plenary sessions and a constitution for the group. I also want to state the views of the local activists. But now that you are a self-ruling and independent and you will not be interested in it.

I would in this connection also want to refer to a connected delicate situation. I feel it is my duty to keep London informed ^{on} all matters ^{but there may be certain} decisions and proposals of the new group ~~that~~ that you would want to keep confidential and not conveyed to London. I refer only to matters of common interest because of your past connection with London. Not conveying such information would make London hold me guilty of neglect and dereliction of duty. Conveying such information will make your group accuse me of breach of trust breach of confidence and unethical conduct. I must avoid being accused by you and by London. The solution to this problem would be for London not to expect me to be an informant dacoit and for you and your group to avoid bringing to my knowledge any matter ~~which~~ is confidential and not in your interest to be conveyed to London until matters get sorted out let this be arrangement.

I wish the newly ~~constituted~~ constituted group every success and achievement in this activities.

Yours sincerely,

This letter is sent by KCM to Miss. ^{Swini}