Dear Mahalanobia,

I am sure it is the most convenient plan, especially for getting sessions made at your end, that I should leave it in your hands to fix my programme of 6 weeks in India, but I cannot possibly make it more than that. I may have to travel by air, but only if business on this side compels me to do so. You will, I am sure, do your best to give me opportunities to visit centres of research outside Calcutta where your own interests lie. Young Eukhatme wants me to visit Cawnpore, but I shall doubtless meet him in Calcutta, and it may well be that other places are more important.

I have great hesitation in imposing myself as guest in your family, and beg that you will only make this arrangement if you foresee that it will be definitely more convenient to you than any alternative. Naturally I hope to see as much of you personally as the rush of business in which you will be engaged permits, but you must not think that, without personal hospitality, I should not feel myself treated cordially as your guest.

Yours sincerely,