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Subject: Plan for Vidyodaya money
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Pankaj,

The April 10, 2011 meeting was at Sandeep's house. Sandeep and I were there. Minu and Naresh joined by phone. Vamsee arrived toward the end of the meeting. We approved sending Rs 185,000 to Vidyodaya. Of this, 60,000 is to match money that Sudarshan Krish, the bicycle man, raised. The other 125,000 is to run jeeps.

Here is a message I sent on April 8. It explains what the 60,000 will be used for:

Hi,

I talked to Ramdas a few minutes ago and got some news not in the letter that follows this.

The remaining rugs have been ordered and are expected any time. All the furniture is now in place.

Most exciting, the school is adding 9th and 10th grades, starting with the 9 current 8th graders, who will be kept on. The plan worked out with the parents is for the kids spend half of each school day on the usual academics and the other half on vocational and practical skills. They will then need 3 years to go through 2 standards. For the vocational training, workshops will be set up in the school. The wood shop is already well underway. Our match of Sudarshan's bicycle-trip money will be used mainly for these workshops.

At the coming meeting, I will propose providing Rs 125,000 for jeeps. We can afford it.

Regards,
--Jim

Here is what Ramdas wrote on February 18 to answer my question about his transportation budget:

Our costs for the Jeeps for the last 12 months – December 1st 2009 to November 30th 2010 – has been Rs. 193,350/=. We spend Rs. 1000/= towards 3 Jeeps a day. We have 220 working days in an academic year. So our costs would be around 220,000/-. Given the increase in fuel prices it could go up to Rs. 250,000/-. During the last year we received Rs. 102,000/- from the Tata Trust and Rs. 75,180 from Asha Colorado. For the coming year 2011 – 2012 we have an allotment of Rs. 102,000/- from Tata Trust. The rest of the budget needs to be covered, that is we will require around Rs, 125,000/-.

Here is a May 18 email from Naresh:

Team,

The site visit and April 2011 meeting minutes are on the web.

Apologize for the long delay.

FYI, I have changed the PO box as well, we have a new PO Box in Englewood now.

Regards,
Naresh