

Mr Coles

## JNANPITH AWARD SPEECH, 28 NOVEMBER

I gather from your office that the final text of this speech may not be available until 24 November or even later.

I should be grateful if you would do your best to ensure that we get it earlier than that. The Jnanpith people had particularly asked that the speech should be available before the PM's departure from UK, or at least immediately on arrival. They have:

- a) to circulate it in advance to Mrs Verma (award-winner) Chairman of the Selection Board and other main speaker
- b) translate it
- c) print 3,000 copies and distribute it.

They are a small, poorly-endowed foundation and do not have the logistical resources to do this at the very last minute. Even if we were to help with the translation they would want to use their own printers and a certain minimum time is required. Wednesday pm or at a pinch Thursday am is their deadline. Might it be possible to meet this?

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I told Iain Muncy to expect problems; impossible deadline

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