

K.S. Rao: Mr. Narayanan, you are the eldest grand son of Mr. Narayana Iyer living today. And you have been brought up by Mr. Narayana Iyer from the age of about five or so, due to circumstances in which you were placed at that time. So, you have lived with Narayana Iyer until he passed away. Could you please tell us about your experiences and your impressions of Mr. Narayana Iyer today ?

Mr. Shankara Narayanan: I am the son of the daughter of Mr. Narayana Iyer. And my mother passed away, when I was only five years old. Afterwards, Narayana Iyer took a lot of interest in me. And Narayana Iyer was a born teacher and he taught me Mathematics, English and other things very playfully. He was a very nice person to move with, but at the same time he was a very great disciplinarian. And he spoke the truth and insisted that even playfully we should not tell any untruth. He was a figure at times as soon as he entered the house, etc. at times we were a bit afraid of him also. But mostly what happened was his love overpowered all of us. We were living in a very big joint family where we were treated everyone of the joint family alike in food and other comforts, etc. So, I lived in that atmosphere along with Mr. Narayana Iyer.

Narayana Iyer was a very simple person. Most unassuming and nobody could, by seeing him, say that he was occupying a very big position in the Port Trust at that time. Even as a young boy, I knew how Narayana Iyer worked throughout the night with his figures and Mathematics. I was too young at that time to understand what he was doing. But he was very much devoted to Mathematics. If at all, I am a Mathematician now and I have got great interest in Mathematics, I owe it to him. Not only to Mathematics but my general up bringing itself, I owe to Narayana Iyer. Because, he was a very simple man with very lofty ideals.