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## WITH REGRETS

1. In the Current issue of IPQ is published the reaction of Dr. Johannes Bronkhorst, one of the Editors of the Proceedings of The First International Conference on Bhartṛhari.

The Readers of IPQ will recall that in the January 1994 issue of IPQ was published a review of these Proceedings by Dr. J. Ouseparampil. The said review was appended by an Editorial Note and was signed as "Editors" (of IPQ). In the said Editorial Note comments were made on the selection of articles which have gone into the Proceedings edited by Dr. Johannes Bronkhorst and Dr. Saroja Bhate.

2. At the outset, as the founder editor and publisher of IPQ, I express my sincere regrets for the editorial note which was appended to the review by Mr. Ouseparampil. I or anybody on the editorial board have no occasion to exhibit any further knowledge as to which papers were included and which were omitted from the said Proceedings. Dr. Bronkhorst and other editors of the Proceedings may have their own editorial policy on which the Editors of IPQ should not have made any comment and certainly not in the way in which it has been made. I have ascertained that most of the editors of IPQ have similar reaction about the appended comment to the review. The Editorial Board of IPQ consists of five editors and the editor who is looking after the day to day administration should have restrained himself from publishing the said Editorial Note. In publishing the said note, under the signature of all the Editors of IPQ the concerned Editor has also made his view appear as if it was also the view of the other Editors of IPQ. There is no doubt that this is a flagrant violation of the basic norms of editing. It has made other Editors of IPQ susceptible to criticism.

3. In Dr. Bronkhorst's reaction to the editorial note, there is an oblique reference to editor's duty in selecting the articles, which he must have followed while editing the Proceedings of the First International Conference on Bhartrhari. As regards the editorial policy of IPQ I may state that the principle objective of IPQ is to provide a forum to students of Philosophy for presenting their thought. I.P.Q. is not committed to any particular opinion or creed. But this does not mean that we do not make any selection. Our criterion for selection is that the articles should have a perspective and a focus. I may add that IPQ has been regularly following the practice of refereeing submitted articles. Unfortunately, the Editor who appended the said editorial note to the review by Dr. Ouseparampil has also departed from this policy of IPQ.

4. All that has happened was without my knowledge or without the prior knowledge of other editors. The Editorial Board of IPQ and other philosophy journals of Poona University are now taking steps to evolve procedure to ensure that such incidents of indiscreetness do not occur in future.

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