



10<sup>th</sup> October 2006

Dear Ms Shresthova,

I would like to offer my sincerest apologies for not being able to attend the Prague Bollywood Festival as I had promised. Unfortunately have picked up an infection and though I would still not mind traveling, my doctors and my family have advised me to rest for at least a week and not to exert myself for fear of a relapse. I can understand that this decision would have caused a lot of problems for the organizers but unfortunately, my health leaves me with little choice.

I was very much looking forward to my trip to Prague. I have long been an admirer of Czech cinema which I feel is quite underrated in terms of European cinema culture. I was looking forward to experiencing the local flavour and seeing how the Czech public would react to my movies.

I was also looking forward to meeting with the famed Film School FAMU and discussing how my own Film Institute in Mumbai, Whistling Woods International could collaborate with FAMU in some way. This is something that I was very much looking forward to.

Unfortunately this will not be possible this time but I hope that soon, I would be able to reschedule a visit to Prague as it is a place I would dearly love to visit. I would like to thank all of you who have tried so hard to make my visit possible. I am deeply sorry to have to cancel like this, but as they say, health must come first and though the illness is not serious, my doctors feel it is important to recuperate and not to risk a relapse of any kind.

I wish you every success with the festival and would love to be kept abreast of how the audiences react to my three films that are being shown there.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Subhash Ghai