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## DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

On several occasions during my visits to various forests I became interested in the tribal people and their way of life. And the way they were exploited touched my feelings. I wanted to make a film on them. The purchase of the right to make a film of MADHUBAN gave me the opportunity to fulfil my destination.

The main theme of this film is of course the tribal people—how they are exploited and oppressed by greedy money-lenders and forest contractors.

The other theme is the great wealth that the forests represent and how the exploiters are destroying this wealth. The tribals, however, have a tender feeling towards the forests whom they consider as their mother.

#### ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

Basically a cinematographer—worked several years in that capacity in about 60 feature films. Switched over to direction and made about 25 feature films, normally dealing with social problems and human relationship. Worth mentioning among problems and human relationship. Worth mentioning among centered officially in 3rd International Film Festival, Moscow in 1963 and received best actress award;

MALYADAN (Garlending) based on a Tagore story—judged Best Regional Film in National Film Award in India.







SYNOPSIS OF MADHUBAN (Treasure Wood)

The story takes place in a tribal village within a forest area. The villagers who also cultivate small pieces of land settled by the Forest Department are ruthlessly oppressed and exploited by a rapacious money-lender, Bangshibadan and the manager of a contractor's firm, Sundaram in collusion with some corrupt staff of the forest office. The leader of the tribal villagers is a tribal named Lugun.

The new Forest Ranger, Satinath, an honest and efficient officer stopped all malpractiese of his staff and halted spoliation of forest wealth by the contractors. He also tried to save the tribal cultivators from the oppression of Bangshi and Sundaram. In this he was assisted by Lugun and also by a partner of one of the big and actively engaged in the uplift of the poor tribals.

After attending a colourful tribal festival Satinath had to visit his headquarters. Taking advantage of his absence Bangshi and Sundaram attacked the villagers, looted their granary and set fire to their huts. In the ensuing fight between the villagers and Bangshi's men both Lugun and Bangshi were seriously injured, the property of the serious serious property of the serious seri

At this critical moment Satinath's jeep appeared and Lugun was rescued. But he did not survive. Before his death, however, Lugun had the satisfaction to learn that their loss would be compensated, their huts rebuilt and his people assured of a secured home and land for which he fought and gave his life.

### MADHUBAN (La Porêt au trésor)

C'est une histoire d'exploitation d'un pauvre village tribale par des officiers corrompus de l'administration forestière et par un prêteur. Satinath, le nouveau fores-

tier veut cesser des méfaits. Il est aidé par le chef du village qui s'appelle et une jeune Lugun. femme-Sulata. Mais, un jeur, le prêteur avec ses complices attaque les villageois, pille leurs - greniers et met le feu à leurs cabanes. Dans le combat Lugun est tué, mais il a eu la satisfaction de savoir que son tribu aurait la securité pour laquelle il a sacrifié sa vie.



MADHUBAN (Schatzkammer der Natur)

Es dreht sich um die Ureinwohner eines am Wald liegenden Dorfes, die von den Kontrahenten und dem Geldverleiher unterdrijket, und ausgenützt wurden, woran auch die Förster Schuld waren. Da kam der junge Förster Satinath und brachte alles auf die Seite, mit der Hilfe von Sulata, einer Teilabaerin der Holfzällerfirma.

Eines Tages musste Satinath eine Dienstreise unternehmen und diese Gelegenheit nilizten die bösen Leute aus und setzte das Dorf ins Feuer. Bei der dadurch entstandenen Streit wurde Lugun tödlich verletzt. In dem Moment kam Satinath zurück und Lugun starb mit dem Trost: seine Leute werden versorgt.

# CAST

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