

Forced by circumstances, Chunilal gave up his job, and returned to his village with the children. Here the love and affection of their grandmother and aunt began to bring about a welcome change in the children's sad disposition.

During this period a strange incident occurred. One night about 11 o'clock little Deena was sitting in his aunt's lap while other women of the house sat nearby and discussed household affairs. Suddenly a gang of about a dozen robbers raided the house. One of them snatched Deendayal from his aunt, threw him on the ground, put a foot on his chest and threatened to kill him if all the valuables in the house were not surrendered. At this Deendayal said : "We had heard that robbers looted the rich and protected the poor, but you are killing me, a poor boy". The leader of the bandits was touched by these words of the boy and left the place with his gang.

In July 1926 Chunilal sent both the children to their uncle Radha Raman in Gangapur for education. Here Deendayal was admitted to the primary class and regular schooling began.

In September 1925, Chunilal passed away. Now a number of problems confronted Radha Raman. When Deendayal's education started in 1925, Radha Raman had no children. His first son, Prabhu Dayal, was born in 1926. Later more sons followed. In spite of his growing family, however, Radha Raman took all care to ensure that his wards did not suffer from want in any respect.

In February 1927, Radha Raman also fell seriously ill. Doctors diagnosed TB and said it was unlikely that he would live. Doctors from Gangapur, Bharatpur and Agra refused to treat him and said he should be taken somewhere else. Fortunately Radha Raman had a nephew who was then Health Officer in Lucknow. He called his uncle to Lucknow for treatment.

Now the problem was, who would take him there? No relation was prepared to come near him for fear of contracting the dread disease. Deendayal was just a boy of 11, but he said to his uncle, "Don't worry. I shall take you to Lucknow". Radha Raman realized there was no alternative.

Deendayal's examination was near, but he was busy nursing his uncle. Gradually Radha Raman's health improved and in March 1927 Deendayal returned to Gangapur and sat for his examination. To the astonishment and joy of everybody, he secured the first rank.