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Mr R. Ramaswamy's articles on 'Comparative Study of Computer Languages' is really wonderful! It has helped me a lot in knowing the difference between the various languages and has given me a clear understanding.

However, there was a mistake in the Feb. '86 issue. On page 63, under the subheading 'Library Functions in BASIC against LEN (X$), if X$ is "R. KRISHNAN", then LENX$ will return 10 and not 11, including the period after R. Please correct the error.

I'm always eagerly waiting for the next issue

to go through this particular topic.

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The author, Mr R. Ramaswamy, replies:
The value of X$ is "R. KRISHNAN". There is a blank after the period (stop). But in the actual print it is not clearly brought out since R. occurs in the first line and KRISHNAN occurs in the next line. If there is no space between the period and KRISHNAN, the value of LEN(X$) is 10. If the space is taken into account then LEN(X$) is 11.