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My dear Kusumben,

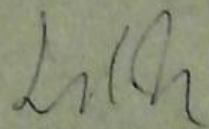
Having written to various visiting speakers and other friends who came from Bombay and elsewhere to help me, I am now turning to write to my good friends in Rajkot and you are the first to whom I am writing this letter other than Jairam Patel to whom I am also writing at the same time.

You have throughout this campaign been working with dedication and zest and unbounded enthusiasm and I am sure, if Gondal gives a good result, it will largely be due to your drive and the work put in by you, Harish Chinoy and your colleagues in Gondal. I hope you will overlook my having to curb your enthusiasm on certain occasions which unfortunately was necessary owing to the absence of the kind of resources these elections seems to have come to require. It may interest you to know that the obligations undertaken for which there are no funds left come to quite a large amount and I am now engaged in trying to meet these obligations. I am mentioning this so that you may understand why on some occasions I had to request you to hold back a little.

I am deeply grateful to you for your assistance and for your loyal cooperation.

I was hoping to see you in Bombay but, since I have not heard from you, I am posting this to your Gondal address where you will receive it on your return.

Yours sincerely,


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