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I shall be grateful if you will, therefore, kindly see that this little chapter is closed as any developments along these lines is bound to produce much larger repercussions in the Party.

My dear Ranga,

I am very distressed to hear that you, forgetting all I have been telling you from time to time about my efforts to start off on a right foot and with a clean slate in Bengal in pursuance of the Organisation Sub-Committee's decision authorising me to develop grass-roots activity at the district level in place of the old interim committee with Patodia as Convenor which has proved such a complete failure, have perhaps in an unguarded moment encouraged Patodia to reopen the Party Office in Calcutta and resume some kind of activity.

As I thought you knew, I have been visiting Calcutta and working hard with some Bengali contacts of good standing to come forward and take up the work. So far, as you are aware, our main weakness has been the absence of indigenous Bengali leadership.

Quite apart from having failed to build up anything over a period of four years, Patodia's main disqualification is the fact of his being a Marwari. However unfair this may be, it is a positive handicap and I am quite clear that nothing can be built up in Bengal for the Party so long as it centres around Patodia and Nandi, who though well meaning is also ineffective.

On hearing of this, I have today sent a telegram to Patodia (copy attached). I would earnestly plead with you to call on him and Nandi before you leave Calcutta and tell them not to do anything in pursuance of any plan that they may have as their doing anything would be contrary to other commitments I have made under the authority given to me by the Organisation Sub-Committee. You will appreciate that my work would become impossible if I am unable to see that the commitments

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I shall be grateful if you will, therefore, kindly see that this little chapter is closed as any development along these lines is bound to produce much larger repercussions injurious to the Party.

* I have today sent you a telegram (copy attached) in reply to yours just received about Bihar.

Looking forward to seeing you shortly in Madras,

Yours sincerely,

Encl:**

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