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My dear Masani,

It was most depressing to have the reaction that we have not funds enough to advertise the resolution. Something told me that this idea of mine of advertising our statement on foreign policy and appraising the Congress Government's administration would make a striking impression at a crucial moment on the mind of the electorate. So I was depressed.

Sri Sadasivam told me what passed between you over the phone. I feel we can't help taking up the challenges. One of the bye-election Parliamentary seats must be contested by us. You must fight for it, and I feel you will win. We must choose quickly and decide and plan the finance. I believe a drive for finance for the contest will receive good response. The Gujarat seat appears to me to be the choice. Three in U.P., one in Mysore (Datar's), one in M.P., one in Gujarat - these I understand from the Hindustan Times, are the Parliament seats vacant.

The stakes are high and there is no alternative but to accept the challenge if our party is to be kept before the public eye.

Yours sincerely,

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Thanks for airfreighting Krishna Rao's article. Expecting it to come by my aeroplane today. C.R.