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My dear Rajaji,

I am really grateful to you for your note. How I wish you could be persuaded to stand for one of the Lok Sabha seats, and lead the Opposition in Parliament. I hope that these bye-elections will provide an opportunity for strengthening the Opposition. Every attempt should be made in my opinion to get Acharya Kriplani, Ashok Mehta and Masani back into the Lok Sabha.

The question of funds, of course, will be a major consideration. At the same time collaboration on the lines that I had suggested in my last letter between different opposition groups so as to eliminate from the field a number of candidates would, I think, be a move in the right direction. Only you can take the initiative in the matter.

With affectionate regards,

Yours ever,

sd. B.Shiva Rao

P.S:- Mr. Crocker, formerly Australia's High Commissioner in New Delhi and now Ambassador in Holland, passed through New Delhi on his way to Sydney. He lunched with us two days ago and asked me to convey to you his respectful regards. He told me that he reads "Swarajya" regularly with the greatest appreciation.

(True copy)

My Dear Masani

I am very glad this letter has some
interest C.R.