

Minoo Masani

Parliament House,
New Delhi.

December 4, 1969.

The Hon'ble Speaker,
Lok Sabha,
New Delhi.

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Sir,

At the beginning of this session an official Opposition Party came into existence for the first time in the history of the Lok Sabha and its Leader Dr. Ram Subhag Singh thus becomes India's first Leader of the Opposition. It appears however that certain quarters including the Government are awaiting ~~for~~ an official announcement to that effect by you in order that Dr. Ram Subhag Singh may be able to exercise effectively the functions of the Leader of the Opposition. As the coming into existence of an official Opposition Party and the Leader of the Opposition will facilitate the conduct of the business of the House, it will be appreciated if you will now kindly make ^{an} official announcement to this effect so that the doubts prevailing in certain quarters may be set at rest.

It is also requested that the seat so far occupied by the Deputy Speaker may now be allotted to the Leader of the Opposition and that another convenient seat may be allotted to the Deputy Speaker as is done in the British House of Commons.

Yours sincerely,



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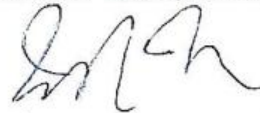
My dear Raghu Ramaiah,

Thank you for your letter of 3rd December and the invitation to the meeting with the Prime Minister at 6.00 p.m. this evening.

Unfortunately Prof. Ranga is out of Delhi and I have a prior commitment at that time. It will therefore not be possible for us to be present.

However, the Leader of the Opposition Dr. Ram Subhag Singh is aware of our position in regard to the election of the Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha and can speak for us on this subject at this evening's meeting.

Yours sincerely,



(Minoo Masani)

Mr. K. Raghu Ramaiah,
Minister of Parliamentary
Affairs & Shipping & Transport,
New Delhi.



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MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND
SHIPPING & TRANSPORT

NEW DELHI

(INDIA)

3rd December, 1969.

Dear Shri Masani,

In connection with the election of the Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha, the Prime Minister would be happy to meet the Opposition Leaders on Thursday, the 4th December, 1969, at 6.05 P.M. in Room No.9, Parliament House.

I shall be grateful if you can kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(K.RAGHU RAMAIAH)

Shri M.R. Masani, M.P.,