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My dear Kunte,

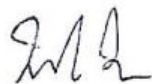
On getting your letter of March 20, I consulted the Secretariat who confirmed my understanding of the situation in regard to the points raised by you in your letter.

As I understand it, there is no limitation on your political activity as Deputy Speaker. In the House, I understand you are entitled to address it but only when the Speaker is in the Chair. Outside the House you are as free as any of us to nurse your constituency, address public meetings, etc. You might have been expected to resign from a political party but, as it happens, you are an independent and belong to none. You will thus see that your fears about your liberty to carry on political work are unfounded.

There is, however, a limitation that the Speaker and Deputy Speaker are supposed to be full time functionaries and are not expected to follow any other profession or accept a job carrying emoluments. In this sense, they may be considered to be whole time officers of Parliament. Since you told me yesterday that you were not interested in this aspect, this will not be relevant in your case.

In view of this clarification, I am putting in your nomination this morning and trust you will have now no hesitation in allowing your name to go forward on the 26th.

Yours sincerely,


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