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My dear Bhargava,

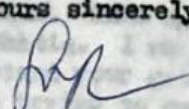
It was nice to hear from you after all these months. I have under separate cover sent you a copy of Freedom First. Mansingh Mahar has also written to Mr. Masani saying that he and his friends are wondering whether they should keep the Party alive in Rajasthan or whether they should join any existing parties.

Presently those of us who have decided that the Party should continue are busy fighting a defensive action to keep our premises. Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have decided to keep the Party alive. There is nothing wrong if some of you in Rajasthan get together and decide that the Party should be kept alive in that State. We need not go about it in a very grand manner but the need of the hour is to keep the Party alive for the Party's time will come sooner than later. There will be attempts to reform the party at the national level at which time those in charge will get in touch with you. Meanwhile, I wonder now that we have got rid of the Rajas and the Ranis, you cannot now have a genuine Swatantra Party of commoners in Rajasthan.

So far as Mr. Masani is concerned while he will continue to be a member of the Swatantra Party in Maharashtra he will not take an active part in the organisation particularly because he is now involved among other things in J.P.'s Citizen for Democracy.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


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