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My dear Mewaram,

I have just received your letter of 13th September. I did not realise that my letter to Col. Pasricha would hurt you so much. I apologise to you. The villain of the ~~piece~~ ^{piece} is of course Bhatia who has been telling all and sundry in Bombay that Mohanlal Jatav was the first to join the BID and that you have also done so. I was not sure what the position was. Hence when I wrote to Col. Pasricha about something else I asked him about you particularly because I did not receive any call from you; the reason for which is now clear that your telephone line has been gut off.

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I never said that you could be purchased. This is something I cannot say about many people but I want to assure you that so long as you and I cherish the same values of morality and decency in public life, we cannot but be comrades in arms whatever work we may be doing (except of course the BID!). As every day passes I get more and more evidence of the rascality of the Piloo, Madhu and Mamu combination and I am not at all surprised that ^{they} ~~you~~ have lost the canard that Masani paid you Rs 20,000/-r. I believe Madhu Mehta who has developed the art of filching papers got some of my papers in the file that I missed and which was later returned to me by Madhu Mehta were photo-copies. I suppose they have got "proof" that you got Rs 20,000/-. Your conscience, my conscience or for that matter Masani's conscience is clear. A criminal can only think like one and they are political criminals who themselves use money to subvert a party.

I see your difficulties regarding the Convention bills. This is again the doing of those three men aided and abetted by Bhatia. I am very sorry for you and in the circumstances I can understand your getting out of the whole thing in disgust! Presently, they are trying to swallow the small AEI premises that is situated in the Swatantra Party office. I hope I shall be able to stop them from doing so.

Did you see my article in Freedom First? I hope it will be possible for you to get your telephone connection restored soon. I do not know when we shall be able to meet next, but till we meet let's keep in touch. I assure you that in future I shall not believe anything about you unless I check with you personally.

Regarding Mohan Lal Jatav, if you happen to see him tell him that one can always find excuses for doing something wrong and his excuse that he did not hear from Masani is not at all convincing. Please request him as from me to remove the Star from his signboard. Only people with courage and conviction have a right to the Star.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Mr. M.R. Arya,