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My dear Masani,

Thank you for your letter of 17th July and your proposed Resolution concerning the future of our Party for discussion at the National Convention of the Party in Delhi on 4th and 5th August. I have also seen your earlier correspondence with Piloo Mody.

My reaction, stated quite simply, is that I profoundly disagree with your views.

To convert the Party into a non-political "Swatantra Seva Sangh" is to achieve nothing except only to become the prize laughing stock of every political party in India, both national and provincial. Once it is conceded that the Party as such has "zero" political potential for the future it would be far better simply to wind it up, except that such of the Party's State Units as wish to continue may do so, like little frogs in the pond, at the State level of politics.

On the other hand, if one believes, as I do, that the principles and programme of the Party do still have some potential validity and relevance to influence or mould the affairs of this country at the national level, even though not in its present form, the only course open is to join hands with others who may also have come to the same painful conclusion as respects their own parties. And we must therefore support Piloo in his very difficult endeavour to join with others to present the country with a coherent national alternative to the Ruling Congress. That the Congress(0) will not join in this endeavour is a pity : but not so the refusal of the Jan Sangh.

Yours sincerely,

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