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My dear Piloo,

Thank you for your letter of 19th March. I am grateful to you for clarifying the position vis-a-vis my gratuity or terminal benefit whatever you wish to call it. I have no wish to argue this matter except to tell myself "Serves me right for not having followed my instincts soon after Khandala"

As regards the financial difficulties of the Party, it is funny that after fourteen years of service I should be put wise to a problem which has been with us from the time the party was started and of which I was very much aware. But despite this problem, we till April 1971 always fulfilled our commitments by the staff.

You mention Srinivasan and say that this question of gratuity never propped up in his case. I beg your pardon. Srinivasan did ask for gratuity and the issue was hanging fire for a long time because, unlike me, he did not hand over his office in good order. Also Srinivasan owes the Swatantra Party a sum of Rs. 5,800/- You should have got your facts straight before jumping to conclusions.

As to how the National Headquarters ought to run, as you know, you and I have always differed on this. I cannot resist saying that if the National Headquarters has lasted this long and continues to be the only functioning organisation of the party it is because it was run on business-like lines. Naturally, if its role is to be that of a post office, which it has been reduced to in the last two years, it can function in any manner you like. In any event the National Headquarters in my view is superfluous since the fashion I noticed in the last two years was for decisions to be taken at the residences of its office bearers over drinks or dinner !

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