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My dear Raju:

I thank you for your letter of March the 18th regarding some ex-gratia payment. I need hardly write and commend the excellent services performed by you for the Swatantra Party in the last fourteen years and there is no question of our not appreciating your loyalty and devotion. However you know the position of the Party and you also know about how difficult it is for the party to collect any funds. What is more you are also aware of the numerous resignations and retirements from the Party. In view of all this, I just cannot imagine how and in what form we can convey our appreciation to you.

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On the question of gratuity I think that you are aware of my views. I have always been against the idea of running national headquarters like a commercial office, because I have always felt that there must be some element of service or sacrifice amongst those who devote their entire time to the Party even though they might be employees in the conventional sense. As such I cannot appreciate the idea of a gratuity. As you know several people, including Srinivasan, have worked for many years for the Party and this question has never propped up.

As a matter of fact you have no idea with what difficulty it has been possible for me to find the funds to satisfy your demand for leave salary and I am still not sure whether the amount has been paid so far or not. As for showing an appreciation for such long association in some monetary form it has become quite impossible under the present circumstances. We have incurred such large debts in the last elections that redeeming them will take several years. May the Party survive that long!

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours

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