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Dear Mr. Kasani, ✓

May be, you are quite surprised, but I do not know where to address this letter to you. Hope, Bhadrabhai Vajra Bhawan will forward this to you. I am a working woman and do not have much time to search for the details.

I am very little interested in Politics - I almost believe politicians are after power only and are corrupt one way or other, with a few exceptions only. Still we people have to be under them and as such we have to keep some track of what is happening in the country.

The outcome of the recent Elections is - well there is perhaps no proper word, it is beyond comprehension. I for one still believe, major portion of the Intelligentsia is for a change of Govt. and esp. leadership at the centre. Why then this result? Is it not worth going into very minutely?

1. Can lethargy of the middle class be the basic ingredient? I do not consider so, it is not mere lethargy. Speaking only about the women folk - nothing stands out. Women folk of the labour

class even supposing they are working on the day of voting, avail some time off their working hours she does not lose much, whereas a woman belonging to the middle class has to make all sorts of adjustments, finish her daily chores, be the time spent at the polling booth only a few minutes or an hour. Only a very strong sense of purposefulness and a sense of duty alone can induce them to make this allowance in time. But, is it not a fair possibility that this 30-35% of the population who have not exercised their franchise made all the difference in respect of the Alliance Candidates?

Is it too early (or too late?) to study who make this percentage and educate them ^{in civics} and pride of their Nation.

Now that leaders like you are made to retire from active politics, is there some way of organizing an unit to fight the Centre taking unilateral action which will be detrimental to the Nation in the long run.

I am sure when I express a deep sense of sorrow over the outcome of the mid-term election, I am echoing the sentiments of thousands of people all over the country.

Yours sincerely
CSA