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18, Dr. Rajinder Prasad Road,
New Delhi.

February 4, 1965

My dear Masani,

I have your letter of the 18th January regarding areas of subscription which appears to have been written under a mis-apprehension. The fact is that the party owes me Rs 500/- that I paid to some of our friends of the Socialist Party for their arranging to vote for Devi Singh in the last Rajasthan bi-election to the Rajya Sabha which was with the knowledge and approval of Prof. Ranga, Maharani Gyatari Devi and others. Mr. Jain was also present. I do not know why he conveniently forgets this and presents a wrong picture.

You know also, I believe, that I have advanced Rs 500/- to the lawyer Shri S.S. Shukla who was briefed for the Supreme Court case of the Gujarat Assembly members on the question of similar symbol as in the case of Shri Narendra Singh Mehida. This is also known to Mr. Jain, in fact the payment to the lawyer was arranged through him.

Moreover you know that I spent nearly Rs 300/- out of my own pocket for your election besides losing my seat on the managing committee of the W.I.A.A. in Bombay. This I have not yet been able to collect. If anything the party owes a lot to me, not only in Gujarat but also in the Rajya Sabha where I had a seat before the party was formed and it may also be remembered that I could have got a seat into the Lok Sabha, if I had not accepted the advice of our leaders and worked for the election of the party as a whole, even though I was not myself a candidate.

Apart from the fact that I get hardly any assistance from the party office in Delhi. When I ask for a Typist, he is either busy with Prof. Ranga or he is busy at Sardar Kapoor Singh or some other member's place. We, that is, the Members of Rajya Sabha do not get notes, clippings to prepare our speeches in time unless we go and pick them up or look for them in the office. It is

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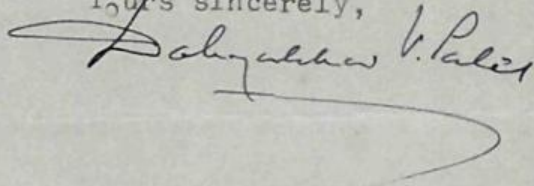
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nobody's function to look at our Agenda and help us.

I am not prepared to accept a situation of two classes of members - one that receiving all the benefits and one that always paying. In any case I cannot belong to the latter class.

You should have thought twice before writing such a letter to me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dahyabhai V. Patel', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Shri M.R. Masani,
Swatantra Party Office,
Bombay.