

Will you kindly pass this
on to Lok Sabha members after
Lok Sabha meets for whatever use
it may be

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Dear Sardar Swaran Singhji,

As you are perhaps aware that the speaker of the Lokhsabha Sardar Hukam Singhji had invited me to join the Parliamentary Delegation of West Germany: So I was with the Delegation in Germany and U.K. We discussed on the 29th and after a few days in Europe I have returned to Bombay yesterday.

This morning I had sent you a telegram as under:

"SEASONS GREETINGS RETURNED TO INDIA SURPRISED TO LEARN DELEGATION ASIAN PEOPLES ANTI-COMMUNIST CONFERENCE PROCEEDING TAIWAN BEING REFUSED PERMISSION AT YOUR MINISTRY'S INSTANCE KINDLY RECONSIDER AND GRANT PERMISSION EARLY"

As you are aware I was in Taiwan in June along with a few other members of Parliament and there was a protest from Red China about our visit and the views that we expressed there. I had made it clear that we were members of Parliament from all opposition parties and we do not represent the Government. We were free to express our views and to travel and the restrictions on foreign currency imposed by our Government were only with a view to conserve foreign exchange. The Government of India's communication on the subject was also in similar terms. During this visit, I was invited to join the Delegation from India to the Conference of the League in Taipei on the 20th of this month and I had said that I would be glad to come.

I, however learnt yesterday from the representative, Shri Ramswarup that permission has been withheld to this Delegation to visit Taipei at this instance. As time is short and we will be busy with the opening of Parliament

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and it is difficult for me to leave Bombay just now as I have a few things to attend to, I have sent this telegram.

I hope you will reconsider the matter early and grant the necessary permission.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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