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My dear Mr. Masani,

All this period, while you were away to the States, we have been working on campaigning against the 17th Amendment Bill. The Bill, as you know, has been referred to the Joint Select Committee and our Amendment for eliciting public opinion was voted down. As we are opposed to the very principle of the Bill, we have boycotted the Committee. The Committee fixed 5th of October as the last date for receipt of memoranda from different organisations. As it was very short time we wrote a number of letters to the Chairman of the Select Committee and also campaigned through the press that this date must be extended. Finally, we were in a position to prevail upon the Committee and the Committee agreed to extend the date up to 15th November to consider the memoranda and also for oral evidence.

I learn from your letter of the 5th November 1963 that you have come to Bombay and seen through the brochure entitled 'Lawless Legislation' which I have compiled for distribution to our State Units, Members of Parliament, Bar Councils and also to the Joint Select Committee to explain our point of view. Copies of this pamphlet have already been distributed to all these people.

As has been suggested by you, in future we shall be writing 'A Swatantra Party Group Publication' instead of 'Swatantra Party Publication' to avoid confusion and to distinguish publications being brought out by our Central Office and the Parliamentary Office. Inside the title page, of course, you will find that I have written that the publication has been issued by the Parliamentary Office of Swatantra Party.

I was anxious in having your reactions on the publication as to whether I have succeeded in detailing all our points of view on the subject or not. In the Introductory Chapter as you must have seen I have tried to survey the entire land reforms policy of the Government of India from the very beginning and how the 1st, the 4th and lastly now the 17th Amendment has affected the peasants more than anybody else.

I am taking action on all the enclosures which you have sent to me.

Your statement in reply to China's protest note about your visit to Formosa has been very well publicised in all the local papers here.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Shri M.R. Masani,
Bombay.

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