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My dear Srikanth,

I am sorry for the delay in acknowledging your letters of 22nd November, 4th and 15th December.

I am sure you must have been gratified with the attack on us yesterday. Ultimately if the Swatantra Party revives we shall have to be grateful to its critics and not its supporters !

Regarding "Chanakyan" there is no question of my reversing my opinion. What I felt was that Mr. Ramabhadran, within the limitations created by the present situation is trying to survive. A laudable project but one which would be defeated if I were to persist with our proposal to use a part of his issue for the party's news. I therefore feel that this project should be kept in abeyance.

I still feel not much purpose will be served by preparing a leaflet on the implication of the Constitution Amendment Bill. I wonder whether I would be wrong if I were to assert that the implications of this Bill has fooled no one and for the first time perhaps there is a considerable degree of unanimity in regard to the real purpose of this amendment.

I could not meet the Tax Recovery Officer as suggested by you. Also I notice that you have sent him a letter. I personally would prefer not to meet him as otherwise it might create a certain amount of nuisance for us here, what with the relevant file in the custody of the HLD ! Let us see what reply you get from them to your letter of 26th November 1976.

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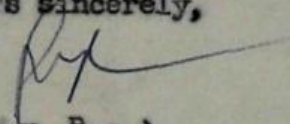
As for Piloo Mody and his thinking on the BLD, as you know I have severed all relations with the 3 Ms; viz. Mody, Madhu and Manu Amersey. But Piloo Mody did call on Mr. Masani a couple of weeks after his release and he is supposed to have told Mr. Masani that he would make one last effort to bring about opposition unity. If it does not materialise then he would draw away from the BLD and concentrate on political education (ha ! ha !).

We are delighted to know of the proposal to hold district level conferences in Tamil Nadu and that the first of these will be at Madurai on Sunday, 9th January 1977.

I am enclosing my greetings to them and shall be grateful if you would kindly have it sent to them as I do not have their address.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


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