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My dear Gopalakrishna,

The rose has thorns as your letter to Mr. Ganapiah indicates. I certainly can understand your sense of frustration and anger. It is not proper for me to enter into the merits or otherwise of what you have written, except to say that at the national level I found myself at odds with the direction in which we were being taken.

The intentions of the founding fathers of the Party appear to have been forgotten in the pursuit of short term objectives. Instead of keeping ourselves aloof from the filth and dirt which is politics today we have allowed ourselves to be dragged into it. There is no organisation worth the mention any where in India except in Orissa and there we are now in the status of Biju's camp followers.

I would end this letter by quoting Shakespeare "what a fall there was my countrymen!" I continue to be a member and if anything more doggedly loyal to our philosophy and policies.

I would be interested in knowing Mr. Ganapiah's reaction to your letter.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely



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