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Dear Mr. John,

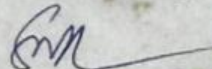
Kindly refer to your letter of 3rd October to Mr. Masani.

Opposing land ceilings is not being anti-social but being pragmatic. The joint family system which is collapsing is itself contributing to fragmentation of land holdings. The smaller the plot the more uneconomical it becomes in the absence of intensive cultivation with the help of modern agricultural inputs. The other point is that if all the land in India were to be redistributed equally it would not be enough to cover everyone in the rural area.

* Enclosed is a copy of the Swatantra Party's Statement of Policy and I would draw your special attention to page 15 which deals with this subject. Also enclosed is a resolution adopted by the Bhubaneswar Convention of the Swatantra Party in 1968 which is realistic and calculated to do justice to the landless than can ever be achieved by any scheme for land ceilings.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr. Editor,

I am a little bit confused regarding
our policies towards land ceiling. Today
I read about Masani's speech FFI's
meeting at Delhi. Does it mean that
we are anti-social by being opposed
to land ceiling. But I think it's a good
idea to distribute small plots to tenants

to keep it as their own. Its equally
good to carry on one lakh house
type of programmes like that followed
in Kerala. Hope you'll help me
in removing my doubts regarding
the same.

Thanking you
Sincerely yours

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