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My dear Asoka,

I saw your excellent article in the Statesman. I have myself sent them one which will probably appear in the next day or two. Mine is very much more blunt but I appreciated your subtlety. (I am enclosing a copy of my article)

I am very distressed at the report from Delhi about the ambivalent attitude of your Party in both Houses and I am dropping you this line at the last minute to plead with you to do whatever is humanly possible to see that it joins in opposing frontally both Bills. The 24th is as bad as the 25th despite George Verghese's article because one opens the door to the other and to even worse mischief! I wonder if you cannot even now speak to Gurupadaswamy and your colleagues in the Rajya Sabha because it may turn out that they have the deciding votes on these Bills. Please do your best.

Yours sincerely,

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