

To
Mr. M. R. Masani,
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Dear Mr. Masani,

I write you this very personal letter out of anguish. I have read today an article, written by you, on the recent election result in The Statesman. I've absolutely no comment to offer on this article. I may have different opinion ~~but~~ but the logic that you have put forward is certainly serious and should be thought of ~~very seriously~~ ~~seriously~~ and we must come to a decision where the discrepancies that you have pointed out are absent. But I write you not to speak of these things.

Your whole article is interesting and thought stimulating but keeps a very bad taste in our mouth. It is just for the single line that you have used. The line is 'The heroine of the Drama'. I think that this phrase is not quite good and we should not use this type of phrase. You could replace this by 'The Prime Minister' or simply by 'Mrs. Gandhi', ~~but~~ instead of that you have used the phrase, I do not know why.

As Mrs. Gandhi is the Prime Minister of India I think whatever be the personal relation between you two ~~is~~

the language you use or she uses must be free of strain. It is not only because she is prime minister but it should be the case, I think, in our body politic and for any leader of importance.

I'm very sorry that I write this letter to you. I keep you in high esteem and was really perturbed to see such language coming out of your pen. I hope that you will forgive me if I have crossed the boundary, which is there, between you & me.

With my best regards.

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Sincerely yours.

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P.S.

I'm now 27 and teaching Chemistry in a Calcutta College.