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Dear Mr. Deshpande,

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May I request your personal intervention and help in clearing some misunderstanding which has caused a great deal of inconvenience and trouble all round?

It seems that the office of the Collector of Bombay have been asked by your office to take steps to recover from me alleged arrears of taxes payable on four jeeps which stood in my name as General Secretary of the Swatantra Party up to May 1967. As it happens all these jeeps were sold by the Swatantra Party to various parties at that time. What is more all of them as far as we can gather were then and have since then been out of Bombay. I had written on the subject to the Collector of Bombay on March 4, 1975, and March 11, 1975, and sent you copies of my letters but I am now informed by the Collector's office that they are acting only on your behalf and that it is necessary for you to tell them to withdraw the proceedings which your office had asked them to initiate against me under some misconception.

For your information I may mention that the four jeeps which were sold by the Swatantra Party in May 1967 were disposed of as follows:-

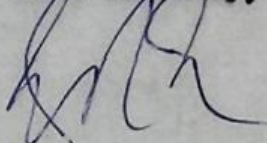
1. Jeep No. NRA 4095 was sold to the Associated Cement Companies Limited, in Calcutta, in May 1967.
2. Jeep No. NRA 4096 was sold to the Associated Cement Companies Limited at their works at Chanda at the same time.
3. Jeep No. NRA 4092 was sold at the same time to Maharani (now Rajmata) Gayatri Devi of Jaipur and it was at that time at Jaipur and has not been brought to Bombay since.
4. Jeep No. NRA 4024 was sold to Tata Services Limited and we understand that possession of it was taken at Bhuvaneshwar by the Tata Iron and Steel Company Limited

to whom it was sold on 3rd May.

You will see from this that the question of my being liable to pay any taxes on these vehicles does not arise and that your office has been labouring under some misconception in asking the Collector of Bombay to proceed against me for recovery of taxes.

As a certain amount of inconvenience and harassment has been caused under this misconception, may I request you to ask the Collector of Bombay to drop the matter? I shall be obliged if this is done expeditiously to prevent further trouble for your office, for the Collector of Bombay, and for myself. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,



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- With reference to his visit to this office
on March 12.