

4th January, 1988

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Mr. Shiv Prasad,
Liaison Officer (M.P.)
Government of India,
Director of Estates,
NEW DELHI.

Dear Mr. Shivprasad,

I have just received your letter and am both amazed and amused at its contents.

As you are aware, the Swatantra Party was dissolved in 1973 and does not exist any more. In any case, I ceased to be Secretary of the Swatantra Party in 1970 and resigned as its President in 1971 and had nothing more to do with the Party after that. Mr. Pilloo Mody, M.P. was President of the Party from 1971 to 1973 and I wonder why he was not approached if Mrs. Albuquerque refused to pay the rent. In any event, she should have been ejected for non-payment. The tenant was Mrs. Albuquerque.

I am amazed that the Director of Estates and the Housing Authorities allowed Mrs. Albuquerque to stay in these premises from 1970 to 26th March 1983 without paying any rent. This represents gross negligence on their part and they had no business to allow her to accumulate arrears of this nature. I regret I am unable to take over any liability for their negligence.

If I had known Mrs. Albuquerque's address or whereabouts, I would have certainly passed on the address to you so that you can proceed against her. But I have not seen the lady since 1971. I understand that she worked for UNICEF in Delhi for several years and if you inquire of them, they might tell you whether she is still with them or has retired and, if so, where her residence is. Also I notice there is a young lady named Usha Albuquerque who broadcasts the news on Doordarshan from Delhi. It is quite possible that she is Mrs. Albuquerque's daughter which may be of help to you in locating her.

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You will see from what I have said that I am not in any way liable to pay Mrs. Albuquerque's or the Swatantra Party's arrears of rent which, as I have said earlier, are due to the gross negligence of the Ministry of Estates and the Director of Estates who knew that the Swatantra Party was dissolved in 1973 and took no notice of the event.

Yours truly,

(M. R. MASANI.)