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17th March, 1987.

Dear Mr. Sinha,

Re: VEHICLE NO. MRG 2347

I had already sent an interim reply on 10th March 1987 to your letter D.O.No.REV/MVT/A 397/85/1334 dated 27th February, 1987 regarding vehicle No.MRG 2347. I have now looked into the * matter and attach a note which gives the detailed facts about this particular vehicle namely MRG 2347.

I believe this answers clearly your request for the necessary details. I understand that the R.T.O. was informed of the sale of the car to the late Mr.Piloo Mody, M.P. and the despatch of the car to Godhra in Gujarat. Any further enquiries about this vehicle may please be pursued with Messrs.Mody & Colgan, 81, Veer Nariman Road, Bombay - 400 020 (Tel.No.221584).

I hope I may take it now that this matter is closed. If however you so desire, I shall be glad to come and see you in this connection and show you the entire file from which you will see the harrassment to which I have been subjected for several years now by the R.T.O.'s Office due to their own incompetence and negligence not only regarding this vehicle but also other vehicles belonging to the Swatantra Party.

Thanking you for your courtesy,

Yours sincerely,

(M.R. MASANI.)

* Encl: Note as above.

Mr. A.P. Sinha,
Collector, City of Bombay and Bombay Suburban Districts,
Collector's Office,
Old Custom House, Fort,
BOMBAY - 400 023.

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This vehicle belonged to the Swatantra Party at the time of the General Elections of 1971 and was registered in the name of Mr. M.R.Masani only because he was then the President of the Swatantra Party. The vehicle was used by Mr.Piloo Mody, M.P. for his election campaign in Godhra. After the election the vehicle was sold by the Swatantra Party to Mr.Piloo Mody and remained in Godhra for his constituency work.

- 10.10.75 2. Insurance Policy No.410305008 was received by the Bharatiya Lok Dal, with which the Swatantra Party had by now been merged, to Miss Soni Irani of M/s. Mody & Colgan, 81, Veer Nariman Road, Bombay - 400 020 on 10th October 1975 on behalf of Mr.Piloo Mody.
29. 3.76 3. On 29th March 1976 Mr. V.P.Bhatia, Executive Secretary of the B.L.D. wrote to the R.T.O. (for the kind attention of Mr.S.R.Tracy) providing a list of cars which had belonged to the Swatantra Party, showing where these vehicles had been despatched. Item No.13 in this list is No.MRG 2347 which had been registered in the name of
* Mr. M.R.Masani and had been sent to Godhra in Gujarat. (Copy attached).
- 18.11.76 4. It was not till 18.11.1976 that Mr. M.R.Masani first heard from the R.T.O. saying that tax in respect of this vehicle had remained
** unpaid from February 1976 (copy attached). Since this vehicle had never belonged to Mr.Masani and had never been in his possession, Mr.Masani did not reply to this uncalled for demand.
1. 2.84 5. Again on 1.2.1984 Mr.Masani received a bill for Rs. 1,275/-
*** by way of unpaid taxes in respect of this vehicle (copy attached).
6. Mr.Masani promptly replied to the R.T.O. on February 7, 1984 by Registered A.D. (copy attached), the acknowledgement in respect of which is with Mr.Masani. In this letter Mr.Masani pointed out that the information that this jeep had been sent out of Bombay by the Swatantra Party was supplied to the R.T.O. by the Bharatiya Lok Dal letter of 29th March 1976 and by letter dated 23rd November 1976 by Mr.S.V.Raju on behalf of Mr.Masani, Padma Vaswani and himself. Mr.Masani therefore returned the bill for cancellation. No reply was received to this registered letter from Mr.Masani to the R.T.O.

- 5.11.84. ****7. On 5.11.1984 Mr.Masani received a letter from Mr.V.P.Bhatia in which he pointed out that the R.T.O. had been given necessary information and that he was not in a position to supply any more details (copy attached).
13. 2.85 8. On 13th February 1985 Mr.Masani wrote again to the R.T.O. ***** (copy attached) repeating what he had said earlier and protesting at the harrassment to which he was being subjected to. He returned the bill dated 1st February 1985 in respect of this vehicle which had been obviously sent in error.
6. 5.85 9. On 6th May 1985 Mr.Masani again heard from the R.T.O. who sent a demand notice and he again replied, protesting against the *****harrassment and returning the demand notice (copy attached).
18. 2.86 10. On 18.2.1986, on receiving Bill No.MRG-2347-860201 dated 1.2.1986 for Rs. 1,814.00 in respect of this vehicle, Mr.Masani again wrote to the R.T.O. by registered post, drawing attention to earlier correspondence and asking the R.T.O. to desist from this harrassment. ***** (copy attached).
11. It is a matter of surprise and regret that, in spite of this matter being made so clear, the R.T.O. should have tried to involve needlessly the office of the Collector of Bombay in this matter.

Enclosures: As above (7).