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Dear Dr. Cooper,

For some time past I wanted to meet you, at your leisure, and discuss with you various points regarding the Swatantra Party. Somehow I was not able to meet you. Now that the Bombay Municipal Elections are coming I thought it fit to share with you some of my thoughts on this particular subject.

At the outset I want to make one thing clear and that is I have no desire to contest any elections.

Normally I would have liked the Swatantra Party to take an Election Holiday. But looking around, I see a few good Swatantra Party Workers with a reasonable chance of winning a seat.

It will be ideal if we get such Candidates with a reasonable chance to stand on the Swatantra Party banner. But there may be such people who feel that their standing as an Independent Candidate will enhance their chances of winning. I feel that we should have no objection to allow such Candidates to stand as Independents as long as they are basically Swatantra minded. If we do not have Candidates in the above categories, then we should openly support Good Candidates of other Parties or Individuals who have a record of good work in the area. Candidates belonging to the Ruling Congress and Communists will be excluded from this class.

These are some of my thoughts and I wish to have your views in the matter. We are arranging to call an urgent meeting of the Bombay Regional Executive for the specific purpose of discussing our Party and the Municipal Elections. I trust that you will find it convenient to attend the meeting.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. Venkiteswaran