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My dear Madhubhai,

I am sorry that the first written communication I am sending to you is not of a very agreeable nature. That is to offer my resignation from the Joint Secretaryship. You can be sure I am doing so with considerable regret and under compulsion of circumstances which I tried hard to prevent.

The Matunga Unit had borrowed some amplifiers and loudspeaker horns from the Bombay region for Mr. Dandekar's election. They failed to return the same in spite of innumerable personal reminders by Mr. Narayan and some written requests. Towards the end of April, i.e. full six-weeks after the election, I sent a letter under my signature asking for the return of the borrowed items. As was feared by me, the Matunga Unit (through its Secretary) made no bones about their determination to hold on to the amplifiers etc. merely as a matter of vindictiveness. Some time around 3rd May, they also requested Mr. Cama for fifteen days time, though plainly they had no use for these things and at any rate, they had come into possession of substantial equipment donated by Mr. Dandekar. The equipments have not been returned as of date.

I consider this an absolutely uppish thing on their part and Mr. Cama's acquiescence to their request for time, unfortunate, though in fairness to him, I would grant quite unwitting. I don't think it does anybody any good to stay on in a post which counts for so little and is also made more ineffective (than it already is) by leading functionaries of the Party.

I wish to thank you and our other colleagues for the consideration shown during my short tenure.

Yours sincerely,

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