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D.O. No. CM

BHUBANESWAR

Date... 21st March, 1968.

R. N. SINGH DEO

CHIEF MINISTER

ORISSA STATE

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My dear Mr. Masani,

Many thanks for your personal and confidential letter dated the 11th March, 1968. I regret that the Orissa Mining Corporation has defaulted in meeting the bills of Voltas Ltd. This is the first time that this matter has come to my notice and I am sorry, being busy in the Assembly it was not possible for me to look into the matter till to-day.

I have now asked the Orissa Mining Corporation to clear up the dues as soon as possible. I learn from the Chairman, OMC, that this has taken place since there has been some delay in the OMC's obtaining a loan from the Banks with which they had been negotiating. The OMC will be prepared to pay interest for the days of delay in payment of the amount. I have also requested the Chairman, OMC, to pay some amount immediately as an instalment and if the Company could accommodate OMC by agreeing to give a further extension of time, I am confident the OMC will be able to clear the bills by the end of next month at the latest.

Yours sincerely,

Sri M.R. Masani, M.P.,
2, Tughlak Road,
New Delhi-11.

from 2 Tughlak Road,
New Delhi 11.

11th March, 1968

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My dear Maharaja Sahab,

It seems that the Orissa Mining Corporation have defaulted in the payment of bills due to Voltas Limited for Tata/P. & H Shovels and spares purchased by them at a cost of Rs.13.16 lakhs. The Orissa Government, who had guaranteed payment, have also not made these bills which have now become overdue. It seems that Voltas had demanded on 1st March payment within seven days but so far there has been no response either from the Orissa Mining Corporation or from the Orissa Government. The Mining Corporation have asked for time upto 25th March.

Voltas claim that they had relied on the Orissa Government's guarantee because of its character and they hope that their confidence will be justified. I am confident that you know nothing about this matter and I am, therefore, taking the liberty of bringing it to your notice so that you may kindly see that the Mining Corporation respect their obligations by 25th March, if not earlier, as promised by them.

I shall be grateful if you will kindly send me an early line in reply.

Yours sincerely,

(M. R. MASANI)

Mr. R. N. Singh Deo,
Chief Minister,
Government of Orissa,
BHUBANESHWAR

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325 VOLTAS ND
297 VOLTAS CAL

CND3 7.3 12.06 BM

Total P+H sold by Voltas

MR P C CHERYAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - REGRET ORISSA MINING CORPORATION HAVE NOT HONOURED BILLS FOR SHOVEL AND SPARES FOR Rs.13.16 LAKHS. ORISSA GOVERNMENT WHO GUARANTEED PAYMENT HAVE ALSO NOT MADE THE PAYMENT. WE HAVE DEMANDED ON 1STMARCH PAYMENT WITHIN SEVEN DAYS HOLDING THEM RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSEQUENCES. SO FAR NO USEFUL RESPONSE FROM BOTH. ORISSA MINING HAVE MERELY REQUESTED FOR TIME UPTO 25TH MARCH. REQUEST TAKE UP MATTER WITH FRIENDS WHO VOUCHERED FOR SOLVENCY OF ORISSA GOVERNMENT - PARIKH.

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Dear Minoo,

Can you or Dandekar do anything about this? Evidently, our people relied on the Orissa Govt's guarantee mainly, because it is a Swasthika backed Ministry, but now it is behaving like any other Congress Ministry!!

We will be most grateful for any assistance you can give our people. Mr. S.V. Rao or Mr. C.V. Menon of Voltas, Resident Managers. They will be glad to give you any details you require. Yours

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