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Camp : Calcutta.
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Dear Mr. Masani,

At the outset, let me bring a very important question to your notice relating to the unhappy Labour situation at Ferro Manganese Plant at Joda in the district of Keonjhar in Orissa. The Plant is a TISCO concern. At present two rival trade Unions are functioning there. These two Unions are never in good terms with each other.

We are proud of private enterprisers like TISCO. Mr. Modi, its Resident Director is a very capable and tactful man. He is also a great friend of mine. The local TISCO authorities at Joda Plant favour one Trade Union and dislike the other which causes dissatisfaction, discontent and heartburning to them. Even there are reports about the other Party being victimised in some shape or other. Everything will be set right if Mr. Modi would take a little care of it. But as yet, the situation does not improve satisfactorily. I would, therefore, request you to persuade the authorities to bring an end to the unpleasant situation. If necessity arises, they may settle the matter by secret ballot or fresh election of office bearers of Trade Unions. But I am at a loss to understand why these methods are not yet applied to bring an end to the undesirable state of affairs.

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I would, therefore, request you to kindly exercise your good offices in this direction for establishment of industrial peace in the said mining area and in the S-tate as a whole.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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