

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
(LOK SABHA)



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New Delhi.

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My dear Masani,

I have received your letters - sent along with Shri Azad. I have taken note of matters that you have mentioned.

I have filed about 21 letters addressed to the Speaker (by the Swatantra Party Members) two days back. I have informed ^{Whip} Shri Reddy about it. We ~~are~~ ^{together} - went to the Speaker's under secretary & handed him our list of office-bearers of the Lok-Sabha. We have also fixed our sitting arrangements in the Lok-Sabha. Our leader has been allotted a front seat - along with the Communist Group. We shall all sit in Swatantra Group, next to Communist Group.

I have complaint against the
following :-

1. David Meeniji
2. Sardar Buta Singh
3. Sardar Dhann Singh Lyulshan.

- as they have not yet signed letters
addressed to the Speaker, in spite of my
repeated requests to ^{them to} do so.

I have been ^{verbally} informed from
the Speaker's office - that David Meeniji has
already handed a written application - asking
for an independent seat in the Lok Sabha.
On asking David Meeniji about it, he has
informed it, saying that he has
complaint against Ramgarh people - he
desires to talk to you & Shri Ramgarh.

I tried my best to persuade
him but it proved futile. About &
so many others here tried to advise



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David Menzies. I think, the man
is as good as gone. You may write
to Kanjur people about all this. I had
talked to Shri B. N. Singh about David
Menzies's behaviour.

Now, ^{about} Sardar Buta Singh and
Sardar Channansingh Gulistan - They said,
that they would consult their seniors and let
me know - Once on approach they
have informed me so. However, I am
still pursuing the matter.

By your Narayansingh, Hrishikesh
Makarand, have not yet come here. Mahaj Kumar
Prithvi of Jaipur, has not yet signed. But, he
has said he would do so.

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Two days back all the opposition group met to consider about ^{the election} Deputy Speaker. We all agreed that the Party should have at least consulted the opposition about selecting a Deputy Speaker. Normally, the convention in the House of Commons is to offer a seat to opposition. The Communists wanted to play their hand - but, I suggested that a non-party man should be put up. Therefore, Jivrajbhai was suggested & approved by all.

Today - Dr. Ram Subbaya of the Congress met me and said that he has been authorized by the Congress Party



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to negotiate about deputy Speaker
of candidates. I asked him to
not join itself.

In the light of circumstances
we have acted in consultation with
our Shri Reddy, Mr. B. V. Rao, & other
members of our party.

Shri Dayabhai was also
consulted. He opined that we should
not support any candidate as a
Speaker in view of our party's division.

Ayaz has come. I have
put him at my room 129, Constitution
House. I have today shifted to a
one bed - room flat - at 133.

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Sub Avenue.

I am going to write
to look up for schools. I shall
be back on Sunday evening.

With best wishes, & in haste

Yours sincerely

Waverley