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My dear Munshijee,

Thank you for your letter to me and the Note to Rajajee.

There is no need for our party to submit any memorandum, nor will it be dignified for a leader of your eminence to appear before them. (*It Select Committee on the 12th Amendment Bill.*)

It is enough if some of our State Units, which desire to go before the Joint Select Committee, manage to send their Memoranda and offer oral evidence also.

The most important thing is for us to induce as many local peasant leaders and their Kisan or Khedut Organisations ^{as possible} to place their Memoranda and oral evidence. Wherever such Organisations are not now functioning, let our party leaders help the local Kisans to form them afresh and they can accept leading positions therein. In this way, the party's contacts will be built up and the Kisan Organisation also takes shape and develops personality.

When our State and local leaders go before the Committee, they will function as full-fledged spokesmen and representatives of peasants, besides being Swatantraites. Indeed, Our Jinraj Hegde, (C.O.C.) is the General Secretary and B. Ramachandra Reddi (C.O.C.) Vice-President of the All India Agriculturists Federation, of which Sardar Lal Singh ^(C.O.C.) is the President and I am the President of the 30 year-old Bharat Kisan Sammelan.

It is most essential that as large a number of organisations of peasants, Bar Associations as possible send their Memoranda and offer oral evidence, so that the Joint Select Committee and Parliament can come to be impressed with the widespread nature of the reaction and opposition to the Bill. And such an effort on our part will also develop our contacts with the concerned people.

Regarding the suggested proviso, it is not good that our Kisan or Khedut Organisations should offer that suggestion. It may be better to get the Jan Sangh Member to suggest it and ask the reactions of our witnesses. Secondly it may be useful if Lawyers' Associations suggest it. An additional point will have to be incorporated i.e. the need for Justiciability of the "Public purpose".

So far as the Kisan Organisations and our party Units are concerned, let them keep independent of any idea of compromise, so that they will be free to develop their legitimate campaign against the basic approach of the Bill through Satyagraha etc. at the right time.

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