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General Secretary,
Swatantra Party,
Central Office,
Sassoon Building,
Bombay.

Dear Sir,

I have to report the following facts for your information.

On 15th September, 1962 Press Trust of India, United News of India and Express News Service approached us for a statement on the recent NEFA situation. Sardar Kapur - Singh, M.P. who is now in charge of the office, there upon circulated a statement to all these agencies. Simultaneously, a Member of the PSP, Shri Hem Barua had also issued a statement in his own name. The Daily Press of Delhi, with the exception of The Statesman, completely blacked out our statement while *prominently* it ~~permanently~~ displayed Shri Hem Barua's statement and subsequently similarly displayed the statement of Mr. Dwivedy, M.P. of the PSP.

I enclose a copy of the statement we circularised and add that it contains nothing fundamentally different from what others have said expressly or by implication.

During the last two days, all my attempts at contacting the Hindustan Times, The Indian Express and the Times of India, have been evaded, and I have been put-off, without any definite explanation as to why this treatment has been met out to our Party, in this matter, which is by no means a solitary instance.

Yours faithfully,

A.P. Jain
(A.P. Jain)
Secretary.