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My dear Masani,

I have already intimated Shri B.C. Seth, M.P., that it won't be possible for us to associate ourselves with an organisation which only advocates for the preservation of interests of Hindu, Hindi and Hindustan as has been mentioned in his letter, but we are exploring the possibility of having a bigger United National Democratic Party in the Lok Sabha on the following three points:-

- i) To oppose Stateism and all attempts to encroach on individual liberty and initiative by the State.
- ii) For the restoration and preservation of the Fundamental Rights guaranteed to us under the Constitution of 1950.
- iii) To preserve the integrity and sovereignty of this country and to offer resistance to Chinese or any other aggression.

The other day in a Press Conference I made our stand very clear in this regard.

From Madras I returned home with the understanding that green light was given to me to proceed in my endeavour to form a bigger Parliamentary Party, if possible, to make it of 50 or more members and to get it formally approved by the Speaker, as the first Opposition Party in the Parliament. But before such an Union is formed, we should maintain liaison with the other parties to see how our cooperation is strengthened.

From the proceedings of the Parliamentary Board and from your subsequent letters I find that my impression was wrong. However, I contacted Shri K.M. Munshi,

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Vice President, and Prof. Ratnaswamy, who happened to be present in our Parliamentary Board Meeting and they agreed to my impression.

Regarding my evidence before the National Integration Committee, I suggested that the various communal parties in this country should be refrained from taking part in politics. However, they may be free to organise themselves in cultural and social fields, to improve their social status or to bring about various social reforms among themselves. At the same time, I made it clear that it is entirely my personal view and I do not get the party committed to this view-point. So there is no need to write to Shri Ashok Mehta. In our Joint Parliamentary Board Meeting, we discussed this matter with reference to Article No.60 of the Swatantra Party Election Manifesto. The interpretation of Prof. Ratnaswamy of this Article was that the party does not mind association of communal organisations for the protection of their rights etc., but they should not debel in the politics of this country and most of the members present were of his view.

Yours sincerely,

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