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(LOK SABHA)



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My dear Mr. Masani,

Immediately after the first Session of the Lok Sabha was over, there was a party of the Vice President at Rashtrapati Bhavan and all the MPs attended the function. In the function the Jan Sangh Leader, some MPs of the Swatantra Party, some Independents seriously thought that if we could form a group of more than 50 MPs in the Lok Sabha we can be recognised as the official Opposition and can oust the Communist Party from the front benches. The suggestion was that the name of the party should be National Democratic Party, as there was a party of this name in the first Lok Sabha under the leadership of Dr. Syama Prasad Mukerjee. At that time the five MPs of Ganatantra Parishad also joined that party along with three Akalis and some independents from South like Shri B. Ramchandra Reddy and Dr. Krishnaswamy and others. After Dr. Syama Prasad Mukerjee's death this party disintegrated itself. Shri R.N. Singh Deo, the then MP of Ganatantra Parishad was the Secretary of the party and S. Hukam Singh, the present speaker, was the Treasurer. When we were talking this matter in the Rashtrapati Bhavan party S. Hukam Singh appeared on the scene and when we asked point-blank whether he would recognise such a party, he said he cannot reply off-hand but there should not be any difficulty, but rather humoursly he said that as the Treasurer of the former National Democratic Party he has a balance of Rs.100/- (odd) and will be glad to transfer that amount to the new party. So from the talk we could gather that he blesses our this new move.

Before we proceed further in this regard, we would like to have your guidance. We thought that there should not be any rigidity about it, rather we will start with a minimum programme. It is believed here that it will have a tremendous impact in the country and we will push the Communist party to the background. Before we proceed further in this matter I request you to kindly give your considered views and advice.

Hope it finds you in enjoyment of excellent health.

Yours sincerely,

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