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My dear Masani,

It is a pity that we crossed each other. You went to Delhi and I returned from Delhi. There are many matters that could have been straightened out if we met. I was informed that you were coming to Delhi on the 13th. So I waited for two days more, otherwise I was to have returned on the 11th evening.

Since I was asked to act as leader of our party in the Rajya Sabha for the last session that was over, what do you propose to do for the next session? While I have carried on as best as we could for the last session, I feel it is humiliating and hurting me that I should be treated so. If this is what the Party feels, why should I bother at all? I did not owe my seat in the Rajya Sabha to the Swatantra Party.

I have a letter from Maharaja Sahib of Darbhanga agreeing to work with our party and if we get a letter from Shrimati Jaipalsingh and Shri M.S. Oberoi as promised to me by Shri Jaipalsinghji himself on the 13th when some of us met at dinner at his house, we will level up with the Communists. If we can press Shri Jaipuria or any other Independent Member, we will be ahead of the Communists and this I should be able to communicate to the Secretary of the Rajya Sabha a few days before our session starts on the 14th proximo. I am moving in the matter, but I do not know if this is correct or if I have the authority to do so?

You must have received the letter dated 19th from Shri Naredrasingh Jhaila which I believe clears the position of the accounts as far as Gujarat is concerned. I understand Raju has not been able to put some of the vouchers together as they are in Gujarati. I shall meet him and help him to do so. I have been busy straightening out my own affairs which I had kept pending during the elections. Besides, I have to approach my Dentist for getting a few of my tooth out, that takes quite sometime and keeps me indoor for a few days.

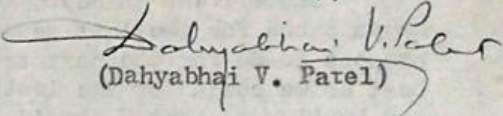
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I see from Press reports that you were in Gujarat yesterday. I was not asked or informed.

With kindest regards,

Yours Sincerely,

  
(Dahyabhai V. Patel)

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