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Dear Mr. Patel,

This is with further reference to my letter of 28th March, 1972.

In the meantime I have received a reply from Rajaji. I have also had the benefit of comments from Mr. M. R. Masani, Mr. Manu Amarsey and Mr. S. V. Raju. I, therefore, thought that I should write to you further in the matter since I am still awaiting your reaction.

The only other alternative to the winding up of the Party suggested in my previous letter is the acceptance of a time-bound programme of direct-action.

Such a programme should resort to direct-action demanding the following:

- (1) The All-India Radio and T.V. should be managed by an autonomous corporation with an independent chairman and should not continue any longer as a Government Department.
- (2) The present exorbitant salaries of the Central Government Ministers, namely, Rs. 4,40,000 a year should be cut down very substantially in the interest of "Garibi Hatao".
- (3) The prices must be kept under control and in any event the annual rise in prices should not exceed 3 per cent.
- (4) The misuse of governmental machinery by the ruling-party for election purposes must be stopped forthwith.
- (5) There should be guaranteed employment for all including every educated unemployed.
- (6) There should be an immediate ban on illegal donations from businessmen and industrialists to the ruling-party in the shape of souvenir advertisements.

- (7) There should be no attempt to interfere with the freedom of the Press.

The above are only a few illustrative points. The programme will have to be carefully thought out and implemented.

As you will recall Rajaji also has advocated direct-action for the Swatantra Party.

I suggest we may give detailed thought to this matter at the forthcoming meeting of the National Executive and the General Council.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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