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Paul Gump

28th July, 1970

Dear Professor Ranga,

Re : Octroi Duty - Calcutta

At the last meeting of the Central Parliamentary Board of the Party held at Madras on 20th July, 1970, the Board decided to oppose the imposition of Octroi Duty in Calcutta on the ground, inter alia, that it will (a) retard the growth of Road Transport and (b) lead to further corruption.

The Board also found that Octroi Duty is an outmoded form of taxation as per the findings of several responsible Committees.

May I, therefore, request you, as the Leader of the Party in Parliament, to take necessary steps to oppose the measure at the appropriate time when it comes before the House. Please also take steps to persuade the Prime Minister to reopen this question in the Consultative Committee on West Bengal, at which this decision was taken, with a view to reconsider the matter to find some other more acceptable and suitable substitute for octroi duty.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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