

Swatantra Party

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September 26, 1969.

My dear Mr. Masani,

Our Member, Mr. J. Mohd. Imam has decided to give a Motion of No Confidence in the Council of Ministers (copy enclosed) during the coming session of Parliament. You will also find in the Motion, his reasons for giving such a Motion. As you know, under the Rules such Motions of No-Confidence have to be given only after the first day's business list for the session is circulated to Members which is usually 3 to 4 days before the start of the session. Mr. Imam has left the Motion with me with instructions to submit it to the Lok Sabha at the appropriate time. I seek your guidance on the subject.

Yesterday 7 Members of our Party had issued a statement condemning our Government's attitude to the Islamic Conference at Rabat. This statement was drafted in the light of your earlier statement on the subject issued from Rajkot two days back.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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148, Mahatma Gandhi Road,
Bombay-1.

(A.P. Jain)

MOHD. IMAM,

Parliament House,
New Delhi.

September 26, 1969.

The Secretary,
Lok Sabha,
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

I intend moving the following Motion of No-Confidence:-

"That this House expresses its want of confidence
in the Council of Ministers".

REASONS

- (1) Failure of the policy of the Government of India to bring about national integration;
- (2) Failure to protect the lives, property and honour of the minorities;
- (3) Failure of the Prime Minister, the Home Minister to go to Ahmedabad immediately after the riots broke out and use their influence to stop further killing, arson and looting;
- (4) Failure to take adequate precautions to prevent the massacre of passengers in railways at the stations of Ahmedabad and other places.
- (5) Failure of the Government of India to probe into the conduct of the Government of Gujrat for their alleged lethargy and gross negligence in not taking effective steps to protect the people and damage caused by way of killing, arson and looting.

Yours truly,

J. Mohd. Imam
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It was indeed a blunder on our part to have bended on our knees to wangle an invitation for a variety of reasons. Firstly, several countries having a significant proportion of their population as Muslims, like Russia, China etc., did not indicate their desire to join a conference such as this. Secondly, there are some Muslim countries such as Syria, Iraq, Indonesia, etc. most of whom are very friendly to India, boycotted the conference. Thirdly, we should have been careful in participating in a conference based on merely religious considerations, ours being a secular State. Fourthly, we should have been guided by the reports received from our diplomatic missions in countries which are participating in this conference and also from Muslim countries not joining this conference. Lastly, we should have taken all precautions to ensure that the Indian delegation would be welcome

The fact that the delegation has been sent back uncere- moniously and thus putting the country in a humiliating position is more serious when viewed in the context of a series of failures in the field of foreign affairs by our Government. Only quite recently, Nepal rebuffed us by asking our security personnel to leave the borders; our journalists there were allowed to be humiliated by the Communist Chinese. We know how Russia behaved in giving arms aid to Pakistan in spite of our strong protest.

Is it not time to ask how long should we put up with such failures of the Congress Government and the consequent humiliations / which the country has to suffer? Should we not take this as a complete failure of our foreign policy?"

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