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of

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for information

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Copy of the letter of Sh. A.P. Jain

53 North Avenue
New Delhi.

August 27, 1969.

Shri Babubhai V. Patel

This morning I had told you about certain behaviour of Mr. Sharma of Swarajya Sandesh.

Last Friday and Saturday, our officestenographer Gupta was absent from office as he was unwell. He had sent intimation to this effect through his younger brother and also the key of our almirah in Parliament House to Mr. Sharma. He was requested to send the key to me. Mr. Sharma quietly kept the key but never handed over the key to me. Had I know it that the key was with him I would have collected the same from him but I was ignorant about this fact. In the absence of the key of the almirah I was embarrassed like anything here. There were several letters of Mr. Goud, copies of Mr. Patodia's speech etc. which were in the almirah. They had to wait three days to get their papers.

Last week on 20th our Printer had handed over one packet in 51 North Avenue containing posters and a big banner for our silent march to the Russian Embassy in connection with the Czech anniversary. When Joachim went to 51 he was given only the posters and banner I am sure was intentionally kept by Sharma. Subsequently, I sent Gupta to meet Sharma at the bus stand. He came back to say there was no banner in office at least Sharma was ignorant of any such banner having been sent by the printer. This he said when the banner was all the time lying in 51 North Avenue. The result next day we had to go to the Embassy without banner and money spent on its preparation came out to be a waste - thanks to Mr. Sharma.

Previous to this some envelopes were handed over in North Avenue. They were for posting of our publication. These envelopes were lying in 51 North Avenue for two days and I was never informed about it.

As I told you this morning and you agreed with me such acts on the part of Mr. Sharma are for intentionally obstructing the Party's work. I take exception to this and I am sure you will be kind enough to warn him to behave properly in future. He has no right to interfere in the Party's work.

For the electricity and water connection of 53 North Avenue, he is going round and telling people that I had it intentionally disconnected to harass Mr. Sharma. What an astounding allegation? I was completely ignorant about it till it was brought to my notice through your letter to Mr. Patodia. Gupta is the one who is responsible for all such payments. He was the one who did not make the payment, when the quarter was transferred in Mr. Viren Shah's name, and I was never informed about it. When I asked him as to why payment was not made on time, he turned round and "there was no money in the Bank". That is how these two join hands and misbehave intentionally and then put the blame quietly on me. I thought I must bring these facts to your notice.

sd. A.P. Jain

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New Delhi.

Sir,

As desired by you the reply to Shri A. P. Jain's letter dated 27th August 1969, is given below.

The first allegation that Shri Jain has made against me in his letter is nothing but a sordid lie. He says that on Friday, the 22nd August 1969 the younger brother of Shri Jagdish C. Gupta came to 51, North Avenue with the intimation that Shri Gupta was not well and ~~handed-over~~ gave me one key of some almirah to be handed over to Shri Jain. I refute this charge categorically and want to place on record that nothing of this sort happened. The younger brother of Shri Gupta came to me on Saturday, the 23rd of August at 2 pm and told me that his elder brother was not well and that he had sent one key to be given to Joachim, the messenger in the Parliamentary Office of the Swatantra Party. I told this young man in very clear words that the office of Swarajya-Sandesh closed at 1 pm and I too would be going very soon. If he wanted to leave the key with me, I had no objection but that would be given to Joachim on Monday morning only. On hearing this the young man took the key with him and did not leave with me. As a matter of fact he did not even show me the key. He had a bunch of keys with him and I do not know whether this particular key was in that bunch or lying separately in his pocket somewhere. Therefore, the allegation made by Shri A. P. Jain ~~is~~ does not have even a grain of truth in it.

The second allegation about the banner that "When Joachim went to 51 he was given only the posters and banner I am sure was intentionally kept by Sharma" and "next day we had to go the Embassy without the banner and money spent on its preparation came out to be a waste -- thanks to Mr. Sharma", is totally baseless and a distortion of facts suiting to Shri Jain's motive of discrediting Swarajya-Sandesh and its staff. The facts are like this : The brother-in-law of Shri Jain brought twelve packets of books, most probably of 50 each, to 51 North Avenue at about 3 pm. He told me that Shri A. P. Jain would be sending some one to collect those packets from Parliament House and

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meanwhile those would be lying in 51, North Avenue. I welcomed his brother-in-law and informed him that we would be working till 5 pm and those packets could lie there in the premises and if anyone was sent by Shri Jain to collect those, he was most welcome. After Shri A. P. Jain's brother-in-law left the office, I thought that those packets might be important and I should telephone Shri Jain or Shri Gupta about them. There was none else in the office except myself and one ex-printer of our weekly. I took him along with me and went to 53, North Avenue to telephone Parliament House as we did not get our new telephone in 51, North Avenue. (This telephone was installed at our place on 21st August at 635 pm.) While I was telephoning from 53, North Avenue, the man from Paradise Printers came to deliver some posters and the banner. He had already kept the goods in 51, North Avenue (though there was none to receive in the office at that moment but that was open as I had gone to 53, North Avenue only for a few minutes to telephone about the packets) and went to me to get the duplicate copy of the challan or the bill signed. I told that young boy that I was not going to sign any challan as those goods did not concern Swarajya-Sandesh and on behalf of the Parliament Office I was not authorised to sign any papers, but he could keep the goods in 51 and some one from Parliamentary Office sent by Shri Jain would collect those. As I was ringing already, I told Shri Gupta who attended the phone that some packets of books and some goods left by the brother-in-law of Shri Jain and some goods left by the man of Paradise Printers were lying in 51, North Avenue and he should inform Shri A. P. Jain to arrange to collect those before 5 pm as we would close at that time and after that those would be available only next morning. After some time Joachim came to 51 to collect those things and I told him that the packets of the books were lying in my room and some goods delivered by the man of Paradise Printers were lying in the adjacent room. Joachim brought one three-wheeler and collected the articles. I did not know anything about the existence of any banner till next morning at 8.30 Joachim enquired that evening around 5.30 Shri Gupta met me at the bus-stand (Central Secretariat) and enquired of me. I told him that I was not aware of any banner and if there was any such thing, that would be lying in the office in case the man from Paradise Printers left in 51 and Joachim did not collect that from there. I did not have the key of the office with me that day otherwise I would have gone back to the office and helped Shri Gupta. Next day at 8.30 am Joachim was waiting at the office and I opened the office and asked him to make a search of the banner which he did and got it. He immediately ran with that banner to Shri Jain. I do not know whether he was successful in tracing Shri Jain and handing over the banner to him. So, you can judge yourself, Sir, that Shri Jain has intentionally put before you a distorted version of the facts.

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Now comes the third allegation of Shri A. P. Jain regarding the envelopes. The elder brother of Shri Jain took some envelopes from 53, North Avenue for pasting the addresses on them. I do not know when he brought them to 51, North Avenue. But I do remember that one fine morning when there was a registered letter for Shri Jain, I took the pains to go to 53, North Avenue and to inform the gentleman on phone that the ~~post~~ postman was standing there with a registered letter for him. Shri Jain picked up the receiver and after my "JAINSAHIB NAMASKAR" started shouting in his so-called bullying tone that he was not informed of some envelopes lying in 51, North Avenue. To this I told him in no uncertain word that my duty was not to look after his arrivals only and that the postman was in need of his signatures for a registered cover. He ~~asked me~~ asked me to send the postman to the Parliament House and dumped the receiver which I very much disliked as this was a sort of insult to me and at the time when I was trying to help him in getting his registered letter which was purely his personal affair.

As far ~~his~~ as his allegation in the last paragraph of his letter is concerned, this is the reflection of his own 'insinuating thinking'. As far as my knowledge goes, after coming back from abroad on 22nd July 1969, Shri A. P. Jain came to 53, North Avenue only for some time in the morning of 28th July. As he was not coming to office at all to him it did not affect whether there was any electricity and water in the office or not. On 1st August the man from NDMC came to the office in 53, North Avenue and informed that since after the transfer of the security for electricity & water with Shri Ajmal Khan MP to Meena Bagh flat, there was no security money in the name of 53, North Avenue, he was sent by the authorities to disconnect the electricity & water from this flat. I requested him to wait for some time and informed Shri Gupta of this development next day. Again on 11th August in the forenoon that gentleman appeared and told that as the security was not deposited till then, he was going to disconnect the electricity & water right then. I immediately telephoned Parliament House and got Shri A. P. Jain on the line who after listening to me handed over the instrument to Shri Gupta, who after consulting Shri Jain (as I feel as there was a gap of a few minutes in his replying to me) told me that as there was no money with ~~any~~ in the account of the Parliamentary Office, there was no chance of the security money being deposited for quite a few days. The electricity & water were disconnected then and we had to sit without light and water for six days before we shifted to 51, North Avenue after seeking your permission to do so. You can very well imagine the ~~state-of-affairs-of~~ miserable plight of the staff of Swarajya-Sandesh working in a small room without the light and water. Even at the time of lunch we had to borrow water from the nearby places. What a state of misery and inflicted by the over-all-in-charge of the Parliamentary Office who was not affected

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since he was not coming to the office even for a second.

Sir, as I feel, the Parliamentary Office of the Party and the weekly Swarajya-Sandesh, are the two wings of Swatantra Party in North Avenue -- Parliamentary Office catering the needs of the Party Members in the Parliament and Swarajya-Sandesh propagating the ideals and philosophy of the Party, and therefore, both have their significance. I can not dream of obstructing the Party's work in any way because I am not only the Editor of this weekly but also the member of the Party. I agree with Shri Jain's contention that I have no right to interfere in Party's work but the question is who is trying to ~~interfere~~ interfere in other's work. I want to bring this on record that this is Shri A. P. Jain who tries to interfere in the smooth working of Swarajya-Sandesh sometimes by asking his brother to leave some envelopes here and sometimes to ask his brother-in-law to leave some packets of books here and not making any arrangements for the Parliamentary Office to remain open for the whole day. I want to bring this fact on the record that Swarajya-Sandesh is always willing to co-operate with the Parliamentary Office in every reasonable way but is not going to tolerate any bullying tactics on the part of the Executive Secretary of that office. I have never misbehaved with anyone in my life and here in this case it is Shri A. P. Jain who misbehaves with me, sometimes by dumping the receiver of the telephone on his side and sometimes not reciprocating my "namaskar", which is the least the courtesy demands.

Now comes his allegation that "these two join hands and misbehave intentionally and then put the blame quietly on me". I have never heard in my life of any other irresponsible allegation than this. Shri Gupta and I joining hands to discredit Shri A. P. Jain ! For what ? What are we going to benefit from this? I do not know the answer. Just possible the maker of this allegation may be knowing something about this. As you know the whole story how H.H. Maharani Shri Gayatri Devi of Jaipur relieved him of the posts of the Editor and the Manager of the weekly Swarajya-Sandesh. He can not say that I was responsible for this because Her Highness in a letter to you has very clearly said there was a misappropriation to the tune of Rs. 17000/-. Shri A. P. Jain can not hold me responsible for this act of his. As I had the opportunity of working under him for about three years, I can say with all authority that he treats his subordinates worse than the slaves. I very strongly feel that this is the reason why Shri Gupta is leaving the Parliamentary Office. In my humble opinion for the incharge of the Parliamentary Office, Swarajya-Sandesh and all other institutions connected with Swatantra Party, it is imperative that the subordinates should be given a very nice treatment because only then we can talk of Individual Freedom and the development of the individuality which according to our philosophy is the basic thing for the progress of India. We should

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have oneness in our words and actions because only then we can influence the masses with our ideology.

Sir, in his letter Shri A. P. Jain says that " I take exception to this and I am sure ~~th~~ you will be kind enough to warn him to behave properly in future? As that facts stated above, I take serious exception to his wild and baseless allegations and request you that you kindly give him a stern warning ~~to~~ not to utter such irresponsible things and behave in future with some dignity as he, after holding the post of Executive Secretary of the Parliamentary Office of the Swatantra Party, does not remain merely an individual but ~~a~~ becomes a responsible representative of the Party. Not only as the Editor of Swarajya-Sandesh I make this request to you but also as a member of the Party.

When Shri A. P. Jain has brought the point of obstructing the Party's work, let me bring to your kind notice one more incident. Somewhere, in April or May, (I do not exactly recollect the ~~month~~ month) Shri M. R. Arya, the Joint Secretary of Delhi Swatantra Party telephoned me and enquired of me about the AUROVILLE function organised by Shri A. P. Jain on 13th March 1969 to collect funds for that institution. He told me that the accountant of the Punjab National Bank Ltd. asked him something about the function and Shri Jain. The PNB people ~~are~~ were not sure about the genuineness of the whole affair and therefore were holding a cheque of some hundred rupees which Shri Jain wanted in his personal name and not in the name of the Auroville against the advertisement which the Bank released in the brochure brought out by Shri Jain on that occasion. I told Shri Arya that I was not in the know of any such thing as Shri Jain never told any thing to the staff. Later in the month of July, one gentleman who told himself from CBI, came to 53, North Avenue and made enquiries about the brochure. I told him that I had no knowledge of that and better if he contacted Shri Jain. Afterwards, that gentleman contacted Shri Gupta and wanted to know the same thing as Shri Jain was not in India then. Shri Gupta, as he told me later, gave the same reply and directed him to go to the right person. I do not know whether he contacted Shri Jain or not but what I feel is that CBI people do not waste their time for nothing and if there is some thing wrong in this (I pray that there is not !) then you can very well imagine what a bad name for the Party will be there in the Press and the public. I mention this because the letters sent to the advertisers requesting them to release advertisement in that brochure bear your name and of Shri Lok Nath Mishraji.

I think that the whole picture is now before you and in future any attempt on the part of Shri A. P. Jain to defame Swarajya-Sandesh or its staff will not be paid any attention.

Yours faithfully,

Rk Sharma
Editor.