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September 16, 1968.

My dear Dandeker,

Thank you for your letter of September 13 regarding the decision of the Central Parliamentary Board concerning Mr. Nath Pai's Bill. I fear there might be some awkwardness and embarrassment caused by the approval which is sought to be given to Mr. Mohammed Imam's Amendment. This runs at cross purposes to the Amendment already tabled by myself and the Maharaja of Dhrangadhra with the approval of the Party. This in its turn had the approval of the Central Parliamentary Board at an earlier meeting I think in Cochin. Having turned down the idea of a Constituent Assembly and opted for the alternative of a referendum, is it not too late for the Party to ride both horses at the same time?

I would request, therefore, that at the next meeting of the Central Parliamentary Board in Bhuvaneshwar this particular part of the resolution might be modified and Mr. Mohammed Imam informed accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

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My dear Ranga,

As you are aware, the Central Parliamentary Board at its meeting in New Delhi on August 31, discussed Mr. Nath Pai's Constitution Amendment Bill and Mr. Mohammed Imam's Amendment thereon.

* In this connection, I enclose the relevant extracts from the Minutes of the meeting dealing with this matter for your information and necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

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Extracts from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Central
Parliamentary Board held at the Vithalbhai Patel Bhavan,
New Delhi on August 31, 1968.

Mr. Nath Pai's Constitution Amendment Bill and
Mr. Mohammed Imam's amendment thereon:-

The Board reiterated its opposition to Mr. Nath Pai's Bill to undo the Supreme Court's judgement on Fundamental Rights and approved the amendment moved thereto By Mr. Mohammed Imam, member of the Party's Group in the Lok Sabha which sought to add the following proviso to the Bill, namely, that Parliament shall have powers to amend the Constitution "except the provisions of article 12 to 35 contained in Part III of the Constitution (dealing with Fundamental Rights) which can be amended by a duly constituted Constituent Assembly".

In this connection, the Board noted that an amendment to Mr. Nath Pai's Bill (requiring a Referendum to be taken for the amendment of Fundamental Rights) had been tabled jointly by Mr. Meghrajji of Dhrangadhra and Mr. M.R. Masani, which had already been approved.

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