

Swatantra Party

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My dear Mr. Masani,

At your instance an all party meeting to condemn the Russian aggression of Czechoslovakia was organised in Vithalbhai Patel House on the 22nd August 1968. It was as a result of the talk which you had with Prof. Sondhi (Jan Sangh). As we had agreed to bear half of the expenses incurred in connection with the Conference, I paid to Prof. Sondhi Rs.250 as our contribution. I paid this amount out of my pocket with a view to having it reimbursed subsequently from the Delhi Party. I did this as the Jan Sangh people were in a hurry and were repeatedly asking me for this sum. This fact was communicated to Mr. S.N. Kumar, General Secretary of our Delhi Unit. A letter to this effect was also written to him on the 24th August and the original receipt in respect of Rs.250 taken from the Jan Sangh was also passed on to him.

I was very much hurt when Mr. Kumar rang me up to say that all sorts of observations were made against me by Col. Pasricha and also Mr. Gautam Khanna. They are understood to have said that this meeting was all 'manoeuvring of A.P. Jain and he must have done it for his personal publicity.' They were, therefore, not prepared to pay even one paisa from the Delhi Party.

You may consider it advisable in writing to Mr. Khanna and explaining the circumstances under which this meeting was organised. I acted entirely on your instructions. The only thing I did was to pay the money from my pocket which I should not have done. I should have first collected the money and then passed it on to the Jan Sangh. I did it for good faith and for the Party for which I am being penalised.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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