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My dear Rajaji,

*in Madras*  
The inner circle of our Members here in Ahmedabad and in Bangalore were very happy to hear from me about our decision in regard to the future conduct of the Party's organisation and affairs and our approach to the problems of integrity and disciplined functioning.

I have just received and read with acute depression the letter from Munshi, where he has given expression to second thoughts in regard to our decision on Bihar. You will remember that, after the meeting, I had expressed the hope to you that, if any of our colleagues re-opened the matter and suggested resiling from it, you would be good enough not to yield to such ~~pull~~ <sup>appeal</sup>, and you had kindly stated that the decision was of that date and was final. On receiving  
\* Munshi's letter, I have today sent you a telegram, copy attached.

I am afraid Munshi's letter is the result of perhaps pressure from Kalahandi or someone else in Delhi. The question of courtesy does not arise ~~and~~ since the report written by the President of the State Unit, to which our statement is a reply, was not given to us after consultation with us and after knowing our reactions, the procedure that Munshi now suggests that we should follow in regard to our reply.

As far as I can see, if we were to agree to Munshi's suggestion, it would be the beginning of the end.

Since I am leaving on the 17th and arrangements in regard to the issue of the minutes, the necessary letters and the press release have all to be ~~arranged~~ <sup>made</sup> before I go and final instructions given, I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me a telegram and letter in reply to this, telling me on what lines you are replying to Munshi and on what lines you wish me to act.

Yours sincerely,

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