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Patna,
Dated the 20th March 1963.

Respected Mushi jee,

I am enclosing two clippings from the 'Searchlight' a prominent Daily of Bihar, for your information. On our return from Bombay, I remained busy in organising the District Himalaya Bachao Conference on behalf of all the opposition parties, namely Swatantra, Jansangh, P.S.P. and the Socialist party. I was the Chairman of the Reception Committee. The conference was held on the 24th February 1963 at Laheriasarai and was inaugurated by Gen. K.M. Cariappa. Shree Mahamaya Prasad Singh, M.L.C. (Congress) presided over the conference. More than a lakh of people attended the conference. Messages from Shree Rajajee, Shree Masani and yourself were read. Again a sub-divisional Conference of Himalaya Bachao Samiti was held on the 3rd March 1963. Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya inaugurated the conference and I presided over it.

On return from Bombay, Mr. N. Baxi took over formal charge from Shree Kailash Pati Sinha, M.L.C., after a good deal of difficulty. He has convened a meeting of the seven-man committee on the 23rd March 1963. Rajabhadur is inflexible as ever and has no signs of building up the party on democratic lines either in the Legislature or in the Organisation. The Budget Session of the Bihar Legislative Assembly opened on the 5th February but the Leader of Opposition has found no time to attend the Session. It might surprise you to learn that he has attended the Assembly only thrice or four times during the last one year.

You are, perhaps, aware that the premises where the offices of the State Swatantra Party are located belongs to Dr. T.N. Bannerjee, a noted physician of Bihar. Dr. Bannerjee has filed a suit against Rajabhadur for non-payment of rent to him. A warrant of arrest against Rajabhadur has been issued by the Bihar High Court as the Bihar Govt. has launched Contempt of Court Proceedings against him. The party men as well as the legislators are becoming desperate as there is none to coordinate and guide the activities of the Party. It is high time yourself, Mr. Masani and other members of the High Command visited Bihar to save the party from disintegration.

A feeling is growing in the party that the Rajabhadur wants to keep the party alive on paper alone till the General Elections, when a few months before the elections he would start moving on Helicopter so that whatever successes are achieved are credited to him personally and not to the principles and programme of the party. In the circumstances I look to you for guidance and advice. Should we rust till elections or create some other platform to keep ourselves alive in the public life?

I would also like to remind you about the discussion I had with you in connection with the vehicles which are under my charge. You also spoke to Rajabhadur, Ram Vinod Singh and Jaleshwar Prasad that these vehicles shall remain with me as per wishes of the late Maharajadhiraj. On your advice I handed over one Pick-up Van to Rajabhadur in the month of April/May 1962. Now the Superintendent

of Police and Tax Collector of Darbhanga are insisting that I deposit the taxes in respect of that Pick-Up Van or they would be compelled to issue a Certificate against me.

I would therefore request you to write to Rajabahadur to return that vehicle to me so that I may deposit the money in the Treasury. A copy of your letter may also be endorsed to me so that I may approach Rajabahadur on the strength of that letter.

A line in reply would oblige me.

With respectful regards,

Sincerely yours,

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