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My dear Munshi,

Raju will see you with the Bihar file and you will see that quite a lot has happened since we met last and formulated various communications.

Rangarh has cut up rough over our letter and, as desired by him, I am consulting Rajaji and Ranga about their convenient dates in Madras for a meeting of the Parliamentary Sub-committee between the 5th and 10th January 1962. I shall be glad if you will kindly give Raju your own preferences in the matter so that the dates may be decided upon in the light of the wishes expressed by Rajaji, Ranga and yourself. Notices will then issue telegraphically to the others.

I myself will be back in Bombay by the 3rd to be free to go to Madras on any of these days.

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In the light of Rangarh's references to "legal and moral commitments", I shall appreciate your kindly examining the matter from the a legal point of view. All relevant papers including a memorandum which Rangarh and I initialled and sent to the Treasurer on 2nd August 61 are in the file. If necessary, I would suggest you ask Raju to obtain from the Central Bank of India with Sir Homi's help a copy of the document with them. As far as I can see, we have no legal commitment of any kind whatsoever and our moral commitment was based on certain assumptions which Rangarh himself violated.

In so far as Tirhut districts are concerned, we have already paid Rs.22,500 to Shri Janki Nandan Singh, President of Darbhanga District unit, as suggested by you. In so far as others are concerned, you will see that they are wobbling all over again. While Ram Anugraha Jha has shifted his stand only once, Shri Punyanand Jha has shifted twice in the course of two successive telegrams. In view of these telegrams and the decision of the Parliamentary Sub-committee, we will have to let the position in regard to these two States stay where it is until the Committee meets.

I need not impress upon you that your presence at the meeting will be absolutely imperative and I trust you will kindly guide Raju in regard to your convenient dates. You will appreciate that this matter will have to be given priority Number one in view of its implications.

Yours sincerely,

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