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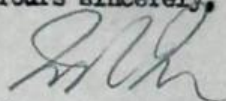
26th December, 1961

My dear Raja Sahab,

On receiving your telegrams of the 22nd and 24th December respectively I have today wired our President and Rajaji asking the dates for a meeting in Madras of the Parliamentary Sub-committee between the 5th and 10th January 1962 which will be convenient to both of them. As soon as I received a reply, I shall inform the remaining members of the Parliamentary Sub-committee of the date of the meeting.

Since the matter is to be discussed by the Parliamentary Sub-committee, I do not see any necessity at this point to comment on the various points raised in your telegrams beyond saying that I do not believe there was any commitment on our part of the nature that you assume. I may also inform you that a sum of Rs.22,500 being the first instalment in regard to the three endorsed Parliamentary constituencies in Darbhanga has already been paid to the President of that District on the 21st instant. I may also inform you that, as desired by you, no further payments to that district or to the districts of Saharsa and Furnea will be made till the Parliamentary Sub-committee has met. Mr. Punyanand Jha has, in his latest communication to me, reverted to his original list and position.

Yours sincerely,


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