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25th August, 1961.

My dear Raja Saheb,

Thank you for your letters of August 18, 19 and 20 dealing with various aspects in regard to the financial position. We have also discussed this matter in Delhi and I have explained to you how, in every way, we at the Centre are going out of our way to help the Bihar Party even at the possible risk of misunderstanding and a feeling of unfairness being felt by other State units.

In so far as payments for May and June are concerned, I have explained that there is no question of any abrupt stoppage because these advances were made specifically for these two months and, in my letter to you of June 20, it had been clearly explained that these advances were only for these two months and there will be no such advance from July onwards, by which the Parliamentary Sub-Committee will be seized of the matter and will make further arrangements. These arrangements have now been made and, as a result, a credit for Rs. 4 lakhs has been made available to you to enable you to purchase jeeps for Bihar units and, as you are aware, the Treasurer will be repaying the amount in monthly instalments at the rate of Rs. 20,000 per month. We have also promised you that, if more funds are available, we shall try and repay the entire amount as early as possible and, if possible, by the end of this year so that thereafter whatever contributions are possible will be sent to Bihar. I cannot at the moment say whether it will or will not be possible to repay this obligation by the end of November as you desire. That will depend on the rate at which contributions come in to the Treasurer and I can only promise you that we shall do our best. We quite appreciate the desirability of giving some financial assistance to Bihar as early as possible.

At this point, may I say that, while we hope that it may be possible to carry out our obligation of financial support to 25 Parliamentary constituencies, there is no possibility of the sum of Rs. 12 lakhs which you mention in one of your letters being made available for Bihar. Our limitation in this connection, has been explained to you before and I need not say anything more on the subject.

Assuring you once again of our fullest co-operation within the limit of our capacities,

Yours sincerely,

Shri Kamakhya Narain Singh of Ramgarh,
President, Bihar Swatantra Party,
Patna.

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