

# THE WHITE STAR

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Annexure-IV.

Ref: WS-~~4~~ 565

18th August, 1975.

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Mrs. Dandeker  
Mrs. Datar

White Star,  
Bombay-400 023.

Sub: Payment of Rent for the portion of the  
Premises occupied by "White Star" as  
sub-tenant (on the First Floor of the  
above premises).

I have given careful thought to the above matter, with  
reference to the following:-

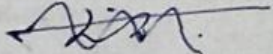
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- i. Letter dated 21st July 1975 from Mr. Madhu Mehta, General Secretary of the former Swatantra Party, merged last year into the Bharatiya Lok Dal (BLD), addressed to Mrs. Dandeker, the Senior Partner in "White Star", requesting that for the reasons stated in the letter, the rent for the portion of the premises occupied by the "White Star" should be paid, BLD, and "not to anybody else".
  - ii. Letter dated 28th July 1975 from Mr. V.P. Bhatia, Executive Secretary of the Bharatiya Lok Dal (BLD), addressed to Mrs. Dandeker, the Senior Partner in "White Star", requesting that for the reasons stated in the letter, the rent for the portion of the premises occupied by the "White Star" should be paid to BLD, and "not to anybody else".
  - iii. The Order of the Chief Election Commissioner of India dated 3rd January 1975 passed after a personal hearing before the Election Commission of India:  
  
"In re: Amalgamation of Swatantra Pary, B.K.D, and Utkal Congress to form Bharatiya Lok Dal under paragraph 16 of the Symbol Order".

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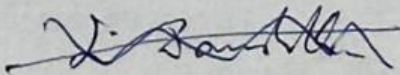
2. In view of the above, and in view particularly of the findings of the Election Commission of India in paragraphs 28 and 32 of the Chief Election Commissioner's Order referred to above, it would be inadvisable, if not indeed improper, for the Proprietors of the "White Star" to continue to pay the rent (for the portion of the premises it occupies) to the so-called "Swatantra Pary of Maharashtra" and/or to the so-called "Swatantra Pary of Bombay".

3. On the other hand, it may also be inadvisable for the Proprietors of the "White Star" to take upon themselves the responsibility to pronounce upon the merits of what is plainly a civil dispute between the BLD and the above so-called "Swatantra Parties", as to which of them should be regarded as the main tenants of the premises and to whom, therefore, the "White Star" as the sub-tenant should pay rent.

4. The proper course would therefore be to pay the monthly rent hereafter direct to the superior Landlord M/s. Sassoon J. David & Co. Ltd. (Director Mr.M.K. Tata), "Ewart House", Bruce Street, Bombay-400 001. For this purpose I enclose herewith a Draft of a letter to be sent to M/s. Sassoon J. David & Co. Ltd., by Mrs. Dandeker. It will then be for them to decide on merits as between the two claimants to the tenancy of the premises.

  
(N. Dandeker.)  
Adviser.

✓ Copy to: M/s. Sassoon J. David & Co. Ltd.,  
Bombay-400001.

  
~~V. Santal~~  
~~S. Manazana Dandekar~~