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GENERAL SECRETARY'S LETTER No.152

Dear friend,

You will have received by now Central Office Circular No.74, enclosing therewith General Secretary's Letter No.12 addressed to our Party M.Ps and M.L.As in connection with the forthcoming Presidential Elections on May 6.

I invite your particular attention to paragraph 7 of General Secretary's Letter No.12 to MPs and MLAs, in which the offer has been made that in those States where MLAs are not entitled to free rail or road travel to and from the State Capital, their expenses of travelling to the State Capital for the Presidential Election would be reimbursed by the State Office on behalf of the Central Office.

This means that in such cases, after an MLA has voted, he may kindly be reimbursed his actual return fare by rail or road from his home to the State Capital and back; and a receipt for the amount so paid should be obtained from him. These receipts should then be forwarded to the Central Office which will reimburse your State Office for the amount.

The question of reimbursement will naturally not arise if your MLAs have the right of free travel by rail/bus. Moreover, so far as MPs are concerned, they all have a free rail pass and hence the question of reimbursing their fare does not arise.

The purpose of doing all this is to ensure that every MLA and MP of the Party exercises his vote in the Presidential Elections on May 6 in favour of Shri Subba Rao, the Joint Opposition nominee.

May I underline the fact that you have a very important role to play in this? We expect you to ensure:

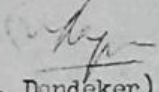
- (a) that all our MLAs come to the State Capital and exercise their franchise; and
- (b) that all our MPs who are unable for personal reasons to go to Delhi will definitely cast their votes at the State Capital.

For this purpose it would be desirable for you to get immediately in touch with the Swatantra Party MLAs of your State right-away and make sure they come to your State Capital and vote for Shri Subba Rao. Similarly, you should get in touch with all our M.Ps in your State and make sure that they will vote either at Delhi or at the State Capital.

Furthermore, you should also please get in touch with the Party Leader and the Chief Whip of our Group in your State Legislature and impress upon them the need to take active interest in ensuring maximum turn-out on May 6. In fact, I would go a step further and request you and your colleagues to canvass support actively for Shri Subba Rao's candidature with all other MLAs even though not belonging to our Group. We feel sure Shri Subba Rao has an excellent chance of success if only we work hard enough towards achieving this objective.

I hope to hear from you shortly in regard to the steps you are taking in pursuance of this circular.

Yours sincerely,


(N. Dandeker)

Offtg. General Secretary

Dictated by Mr. Dandeker and signed for him in his absence.