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8th June, 1966

My dear Jain,

Thank you for your letter of 6th June which I have just received.

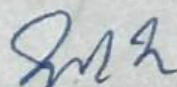
I received a telegram from the Prime Minister asking whether I would be prepared to come up for a discussion or send a representative to attend the proposed meeting. The invitation was addressed to me personally and did not refer to the Party. I wired back immediately agreeing to go up with a colleague to discuss the implications of devaluation and our suggestions as to how to make it fruitful. I indicated that the dates convenient to me are the 9th or 10th or any date after the 14th between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. I shall be away in Bangalore from the 10th to 14th for the State Party Convention.

I am not at all keen on attending a meeting along with other Party leaders. We had a very bad experience on the previous occasions of such meetings where everything one says is cancelled out by other things said by other parties and no one gets anywhere. If such a collective meeting is called, Professor Ranga is welcome to attend it but I am not prepared to come all the way for the purpose. As I read the Prime Minister's telegram, it referred to a separate meeting and this I would certainly think well worth while coming up for at her convenience.

You may, if you so desire, ring up the Prime Minister's Secretariat and find out discreetly what has been planned. It would be good to know what is being proposed. If you get any information, will you kindly send me a telegram here by Friday evening or at Bangalore at the West End Hotel over the weekend.

I shall be back in Bombay on Monday afternoon.

Yours sincerely,


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