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Speaking to reporters this afternoon, Mr. Advani said Mrs. Gandhi had in her message blamed UP's backwardness on the past to Chief Ministers who were opposed to the Central leadership.

The Sangh chief said this plea by Mrs. Gandhi had become the keynote of the Congress campaign. This argument was repugnant to the spirit of our federal Constitution under which the Central Government's dealings with a State Government were not supposed to depend on which party was in office in a particular state.

Even on point of fact, Mrs

Gandhi's statement was patently untrue, Mr. Advani pointed out. Barring a brief span of two years when the SVD held office, the Congress had ruled the State for 25 years after independence.

To suggest that Mr. Pant, Dr. Sampurnanand, Mr. C. B. Gupta, Mr. Tripathi or Mr. Bahuguna were against the Central leadership "is a travesty of fact."

Mr. Advani reminded the electorate that states or administrations which had a political complexion different from that of the Centre had always been able to secure greater Central assistance and greater justice for their people than Congress-led States.

The simple reason for this was that non-Congress governments were not amenable to party pressures and controls. Two glaring instances were of the DMK regime in Tamil Nadu and the Sangh-controlled Delhi union territory administration from 1967-72.