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My dear Masani,

Yours of January 6. Even before this, from the detailed communication I had from the Bangalore office, I had seen the splendid hard work you had put in for making the Bangalore convention a complete success.

I am very glad Gayatri Devi is coming to Bangalore and presiding over the public meeting. Her zeal and success have extorted the admiration of all our party men.

I was delighted like so many others about the civil election successes we got as a party and more than that over the discomfitures of the Congress in the Rajasthan State. I fear however there is a fly in the ointment. The Jan Sangh appears not broadminded enough to take things in the best light. Perhaps the Rajasthan battle will make joint action elsewhere a bit (or perhaps very) difficult.

As regards the 17th Amendment and Latchanna's drive in that connection, I had been acting as you guessed.

Logic, Reason and Expediency all lead to the conclusion that as a party we can encourage and support demonstrations, processions and meetings opposing the amendment, but not direct action. The amendment is yet a bill and therefore only the above is legitimate and not more.

When the amendment is made law we have to consider what we should do as a party. Even then I agree with you individual action alone would be indicated besides encouragement to agricultural and peasant organizations.

I am recouping well and I hope to be strong enough for the Bangalore functions.

My most affectionate regards,

Yours sincerely,

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