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Respected Raja Ji,

I addressed a letter to you in the 1st Week of October 1963 and you were kind enough to reply to it on the 7th of October 1963 I am very grateful to you for that .

In that letter of mine I requested you to ponder over some steps to reorganize the party giving it a mass base or take a decision to merge the party with the Congress . In this very strain , I wish to place before you a few points . I solicit your calm perusal of these .

You as a supreme artist , gave a shape , a content, a purpose to Swantanta Philosophy . The magic of all this was visible for a time . But the spirit and dynamism that were essential for a mass upsurge are getting cold and numb. The appeal seems to be dying down and losing its edge .

We feel it that your age - we pray for your long life - prohibits you to move about more frequently and more freely . Problems of the South , moreover, take most of your time and keep you preoccupied. The recent shift in DMK stand speaks clearly of your wisdom and your statesmanlike stroke .

You are very busy in creating a balance in the South - taking up the lead of the Southern sentiments often ignoring or taking a stand against the Northern sentiments . We want you to take up the leadership of the North - there is a ^{id} voice - giving, of course, all due weight to the sentiments of the South . You are not the leader of a part . We want you to be the leader of ^{the} whole and nothing but the whole .

We hope that out of the coming deliberations of the party High Command there will emerge a Raja Ji plan to reinvigorate the party at all levels . If possible give a fifteen days a month to the Northern States , hold workers camps in different states . Meet and listen to the workers and guide them . Pull the wall that divides . Some sort of Gandhian approach is the need of the hour .

The logic of events shows that Congress will not disintegrate. It will remain in power even after the next elections . The snake may cast off the old skin and bring forth a new one from within. Would it

Would it be fair if the great organization is, gradually devoured by leftist manoeuvres and machinations .

The left - communists are organizing frantically showing their teeth . The left in Congress is out to capture strategic and vital points of vantage within the Congress and within the Govt. A ginger congress in Office will represent only one thing i.e. the Marxist transformation . The process is on , gradual and insidious .

Has the Swatantra party guts and wherewithal to face and meet this challenge ? It has not . No other opposition party, or even a combination of them, has that stamina and that purpose . The Congress caravan is rearranging itself . It will pass on , Bypass any cry or chorus from any side . The steering and trigger are within the span of the scheming Marxist . The Swatantra party stands to be outwitted and out-manoeuvred . It will stand aghast at the metamorphosis - is - the schemers winning the race slowly and steadily .

Your great voice is no doubt heard but the place where it comes from , renders it ineffective . India is no England . Your voice is nowhere near the steering or the cabin where the policies are framed and decisions taken. The long, arduous route envisaged for the party will , in the process , sap the Swatantra party of its vitality and appeal . The congress is not coming to an end at least in the coming elections .

The crux of the matter is :-

Will you give Swatantra idea a short cut to power ? Let it not languish and be condemned to slow evolution . If the Swatantra Philosophy does not permeate the powers that be , there is no redemption . There is no alternative to it except the ever-increasing grip of the leftist over the Govt . and over-all administration of the country . One or two steps more and the so-called revolution will be complete . Where is the guarantee that in any emergency there will not be a leftist take-over of the central administration ?

administration . Menon's, Baligas, Aruna's or Dange's will of course don the Congress caps swearing by Socialism , Democracy and Gandhi ji and within no time parties like the Swatantra party will be under the cloud with no hope whatever of resurrection .

There is a Nehru way of doing things . He takes into account, in whatever he does, the compulsions of international exigencies according to his own bent of mind .

As the things stand and are shaping, the structure and the shape of the congress and Indian Govt. will be conditioned by the smiles and sullenness of Russia . Russia matters more to the policy makers and this , of course - whatever may be said to the contrary - is going to condition the coming congress and even the next Govt. after the elections . Opposition may come out with added strength , but the pattern will remain largely the same and unaffected . The content of Indian Democracy is yet imperfect and different from that of England and America .

Nehru seems to be chalking out a grand strategy of succession . He means to clear out all potential trouble-spots . Kamraj Plan is a step in this direction . Unless you have an active hand in deciding and determining the impending changes, we should take it for granted that the next Prime Minister will be an arch-leftist presiding over ruthless party and administrative machine.

One thing I would like to say that clear polarisation of Right and Left in the country is itself a dangerous phenomenon . Right as such will never come to power . It won't last and survive . It depends much on your statesmanship and wisdom to see the way through.

People rightly call you as Chankya reborn . Chankya took a pledge to uproot Nand Vansh नंद वंश . He did it . But he wove all the impenetrable and invincible net-work around Chandragupta . The Country has a right to ask you - where is the Chandragupta of your dreams ? Nehru has his own - may be his own daughter ! Barring yourself no other leader of the Swatantra party may come up to that estimate .

The positive pole is out side orbit of power . The negative is within enjoying unchallenged and unbridled superemacy . Will they change places within the foreseeable future . Time factor is most crucial . The answer lies with you.

Is there a way where-by the Swatantra idea permeates the Congress ?

I , would request you - whenever convenient to your goodself - you may please allow some of us to meet you at Madras and discuss things in a free atmosphere .

With respects ,

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