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Prime Minister's House
New Delhi

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My dear Rajaji,

Thank you for your letter of the 8th May which I have just received.

I am afraid it will be difficult at this stage to change the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. It has already been discussed fully in Parliament and it was only a sheer chance for it not to get adequate votes for it to be passed. You will have noticed that the votes against it were very few. In fact, a large number of Members of the Lok Sabha could not be present at the time of the voting because most of them were otherwise engaged, and the bell did not ring properly.

I do not think that your fears about this Amendment are justified.

Yours affectionately,

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