

12th April 1964

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My dear Masani,

All your letters of the 6th, 8th and 10th were seen by me this morning soon after I arrived from Aruppukottai. The letters dated 6th and 8th did not reach Madras on the 9th on which night I left for Aruppukottai.

I had a very unconscionable hard time on the 9th and 10th and 11th in the Aruppukottai constituency being either on the road or on the platform without intercession from 4 P.M. to 3 A.M. every day or rather every night. I am glad I have arrived in Madras without damage to health. I shall write to you again tomorrow after digesting all your letters; meanwhile I am enclosing an advance copy of Swarajya wherein you will find my remarks on the Kashmir issue. I feel you and I should go on as we have been doing. We should advise the public on the Kashmir issue in the manner in which we feel the nation would be benefitted, not shape our views in order to line up with the public view, as it is at present, to save our Party interests from being damaged. In some issues we should forget our Party interests. As a matter of fact I think six months hence we will find that our views *will* have, far from damaging the Party, given it added prestige. In any event foreign policy should not be made a rigid Party affair. I don't think that differences of opinion should be suppressed. However, there is time to think on this subject. Meanwhile you and I must hold on to our views. Otherwise there is no hope for friendship or goodwill between India and Pakistan. I need not dilate because I have written over and over in Swarajya about it. I feel tired today and so I am not dealing with all the matters about which you have written in your letters of 6th, 8th and 10th.

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express
them

Yours sincerely,

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by mistake posted
to Bombay address

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