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My dear Rajaji,

Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal came yesterday and left with me his communication of what happened to him in Patna in connection with the Rajya Sabha elections. When I come to Delhi on the 13th I shall discuss this matter with Prof. Ranga but I would very much appreciate your guidance and am, therefore, enclosing a copy of Kejriwal's communication to Ranga and myself.

As you are aware, I have already written to Ramgarh asking for an explanation. We shall await his reply for the next few days. The ~~main~~ fundamental question that arises is how far we are prepared to go to root out this kind of corruption that has spread in our Party. My own humble suggestion would be that we should take the right steps, namely, asking Ramgarh, Maksudpur and Anand Chand for an explanation and letting the process of justice take its course wherever the evidence may lead. The other two persons are not of much consequence. We have also to remember that they are in the Rajya Sabha in Delhi. The root of the evil, however, is in Patna and if things are put right in Patna, there would not be much possibility of mischief from the remaining two in Delhi. Here we have a concrete issue through which the "diseased limb can be amputated" to use Gandhiji's phrase.

Kejriwal wants the matter gone ^{into} ~~through~~ and is prepared to give evidence before a Party Tribunal and to be confronted with these gentlemen. Can we afford to deny him justice?

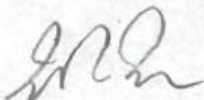
I shall be most grateful if you will guide me as to what steps we should take between now and the meetings of the Parliamentary Board and the Central Organising Committee in Bombay on June 14 and

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is when the process would culminate. I shall then discuss your advice with Ranga and see how far he can be persuaded to go along.

Yours sincerely,

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