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My dear Rajahee,

I hope you are in good cheer and quite at home with the Madras weather.

I spent a day in the company of about 100 responsible party workers in Dohad (Gujarat) on the 4th and another day with 75 workers in Hyderabad on the 5th instant.

Shri B.D.Patil and Maharajah of Baria were with us at Dohad and Shri Masani, Latchanna and C.L.N. Reddi and Sankara Reddi at Hyderabad.

At Dohad, Sardar Basant Singh gave an excellent exposition of your Kashmir stand in a persuasive manner and I answered the criticisms and doubts and in the end asked them to expound to the public our Madras resolution. With some hesitation they all agreed.

Masani told me on the 7th that he found them on the 5th in a receptive frame of mind and appeared to have felt confident of facing the public.

Anyhow, I myself referred to that question in the Public meeting on the 4th and pleaded for some kind of friendship with Pakistan and look at the Kashmir issue from that angle.

At Hyderabad, Masani held forth on that issue and exhorted our workers to look at the whole position from a non-emotional and rational viewpoint. As is natural with our South Indians, these people were more easy to be convinced.

Masani, however, cautioned them, quite rightly not to take the initiative so soon and hold forth on this delicate matter in public meetings. But a number of important workers and sympathisers in Bombay, Dohad and even at Hyderabad expressed doubts as to our ability to take up this new responsibility, which ought to be left to the Government.

Shri Baria (Jaideep Singh) has a suggestion to make regarding Madhya Pradesh. It seems that out of the 45 Independent MLAs 15 to 19 have expressed their willingness to join our party by their September Session. He has offered to go to them again.

In the meanwhile he pleads that if you are good enough to write a short letter to the Rewa and few other friends who are sympathetic asking for their support, it would facilitate his work and later on, Masani and myself can go there to help. I said I would consult you first and then let him know, so that he can send you the addresses of the friends to whom your letters can be sent. I think this is a good chance for us to gain an effective foothold in that State.

Rewa is the brother-in-law of our M.P. Maharajkumar Himmat Singhjee of Cutch and I did broach the idea with him when I met him in January. I learn that Rewa may not join any Party but may be inclined to advise his powerful friends to swing in our direction, ~~in favour~~ if your letter can be sent to him.

Yours affectionately,

sd. N.G.Ranga

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