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My dear Raja Saheb,

I received your letter of June 18 and took it with me to Bombay so that I might consult our colleagues on the Parliamentary Board on the two topics covered in your letter.

The Parliamentary Board, after full discussion, unanimously came to the conclusion that, in view of the small number of our members in the Lok Sabha, it would not be desirable to have two Deputy Leaders. The Board, therefore, decided that the Group should continue to have only one Deputy Leader in each House of Parliament. You yourself held that view when the issue came up last year.

I would like to advise you to accept this decision cheerfully and in the same sporting spirit in which you worked last year. I think you should yourself propose the re-election of our Deputy Leader. *May our party get bigger one day*

I am glad to inform you that the Parliamentary Board sympathised with your plea that, in the event of our Group moving to the seats at present occupied by the Communists, you should be allocated the seat on the second bench next to that of the Deputy Leader. Until the Communists leave their place, the present position will have to continue since, along with Mr. Narendrasingh Mahida, you yourself had given an assurance to Mr. Yashpal Singh of his present seat at the time the latter joined the Swatantra Group in Parliament.

You are always welcome to tell me frankly what you feel from time to time and I assure you that I shall do my best to be of help consistently with the wider interests of our Party which you as well as all of us have in mind.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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