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G. Hanumantha Rao

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Dear Shri Masaniji,

Namaste. Having entrusted the charge of the Puri training camp to Sri Tripathy I had been to Delhi and attended the National Executive. I could find from the trend of the discussions the moral impact of your resignation has been felt by one and all culminating in ^{our} ~~their~~ unanimous request to you to withdraw your resignation. Sri C.C. Desai's adamant stand not to include the words 'disciplinary action' in the resolution meant for taking action against the Gujarat M.L.A.s that went against party discipline, ^{is understandable.} I felt it is something like blowing hot and cold with the National Executive when the question of taking disciplinary action comes in. That is State units want to retain the power when it suits them and leave it to the centre when it is unpalatable to them. It was rightly decided ~~that~~ the Centre should be an appellate authority. But in this case I felt Centre is asked to initiate the proceedings. I think a firm procedure is necessary.

I feel the whole episode of Gujarat biennial elections and your resignation will generate more heat and shake the mind or the conscience of the party to a greater extent in the General Council and National Executive meetings to be held at Madras. I find this is all for the good. One thing I found. Without your resignation I think Rajaji would not have taken courage with both hands and taken action against the elected Rajya Sabha member from Gujarat in keeping him out of the fold of the party i.e. Parliamentary party. I feel it will come to transpire at Madras that you will be requested in the presence of Rajaji to withdraw your resignation. I think your presence and participation in the General Council at Madras will strengthen the Party and strengthen the National Executive to take deterrent action against the defaulters. I also apprehend that the intransigence of certain of the Gujarat friends may compell you to continue to be incognito by insisting on your resignation in the interests of the Party, and leave the issues to be tackled by others in the National Executive and the Parliamentary Board.

I think Rajaji will no more take things easy with you and prevail upon you or yield to the threats of others. I am happy you lead the morale boosting and discipline keeping in the Party and I am confident the end result will be success

With hearty regards.

Yours Sincerely,

G. Hanumantha Rao.
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