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My dear Dandekar,

Thank you for your letter of 12th February. I am sorry that I have been so very remiss in sending you our reports on the two matters mentioned by you. The delay has been due very largely to the fact that the pressure of work has been considerable ever since I returned from Cochin. As I told you in Cochin, the report of the Committee set up to go into the allegations against Bhagwanjibhai had been received. One reason for the delay is that I want to place the report before our Executive and to convey to you their considered view on the subject. This I shall not be in a position to do until after the 10th of March when we have called a meeting of the Executive as also of the Council.

In the meanwhile, I indicate below my own views on the subject:-

The Committee of two is unanimous and its findings are: That Bhagwanjibhai had been responsible for saying things which were not in the interest of the Party and which did appear prima facie to be hostile to Masani. Bhagwanjibhai's own statement would support at any rate the charges against him. He was indiscreet in what he said, both in the manner and where he said it. The Committee nevertheless recommends that no drastic action should be taken. The ends of justice as well as of discipline would be met if he were to be sent for by me as the President of the Party and told frankly where he had erred: if, as is probable, he reacts properly and undertakes to conduct himself correctly in the future, the matter may be dropped. Any public discussion would harm the Party far more than Bhagwanjibhai. In that view, I would submit that we accept the recommendations of the Committee. I shall in this event speak to Bhagwanjibhai appropriately.

The Committee has exonerated Bhagwanjibhai from the charge of having utilised lapsed membership forms in the election of office bearers and members of Dhoraji Taluka Committee and its representative on the Rajkot District Committee. This finding too is reasonable and may be accepted.

I would recommend acceptance of this report and its findings. Bhagwanjibhai has been a very good worker for the Party and though he has erred, he is capable of improvement. In any case, he can still be of far better value to us within the Party than outside it.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Report of the Enquiry
Committee
re: Dhoraji Taluka
elections
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Bhagnajikhai.