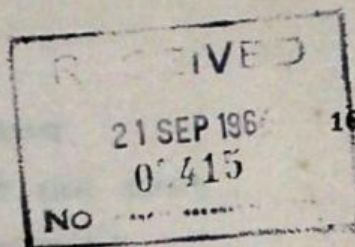


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16th September 1964

My dear Masani,

My telegram to you to Delhi confirmed.

1. This proposal is made to enable our party to organise a good big public meeting on Gandhi Jayanthi October 2 in Bombay. It would also give the advantage of a public holiday to members who attend the COC meeting. If you consider this a good change you can issue notices accordingly and let me know so that I may book my air berth accordingly.

2. In spite of Ramgarh's ~~expected~~ repeated approaches to Congress we should carry out our programme of disposing of their appeal to the COC.

3. I am sorry to say in reply to my telegram to V.P. Menon to go and cultivate Kerala and see what could be done with the dissident Congressmen, he writes now that President's rule has been proclaimed nothing can be done! It is a pity we have no one willing and ready to seize the occasion.

4. I have been reading V.T. Srinivasan's bitter letters. I think you had better give him authority to extend time as he thinks fit. He is right in his plea that our party cannot conduct simultaneous elections at primary level but must spread it over atleast ten days.

Yours sincerely,

C. Rajagopalachari

Sri M.R. Masani, M.P.,  
General Secretary  
Swatantra Party  
Bombay.

also to: 57, Lodi Estate  
New Delhi.

I have since seen V.P. Menon  
here. He is in touch with  
Mannath Padmanabhan.

Everything C.R. Patil  
depends on him. Because  
is still trying to  
President's  
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| CONSIDER  | SHIFTING  | COC     | MEETING   |
| TO        | OCTOBER   | ONE     | AND       |
| SWATANTRA | PARTY     | PUBLIC  | MEETING   |
| GANDHI    | JAYANTHI  | OCTOBER | TWO       |
| MY        | TAKING    | PLANE   | SEPTEMBER |
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