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My dear Rajaji,

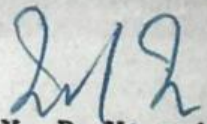
Thank you for your letter of August 20. I am waiting for Munshi's and Ruthnaswamy's approval before I write to Ramgarh asking him to show cause. I shall act on the resolution as amended by you.

I was glad to see the copy of your letter of August 20 to Ramgarh. It is not clear to me whether this was written on your own initiative or was in response to some communication from him. If the latter, could you kindly send me a copy of that communication as he has been silent in so far as the Central Office is concerned since Raju's visit?

* I have also received Mr. H. K. Srivastava's letter from Kanpur forwarded to me with your remarks. He had written to me also. I enclose a copy of his letter to me, from which you will see, unfortunately, that it is fraud that is alleged.

I am moving cautiously in the matter as I would not like to take on all comers at the same time. I think we should settle the Bihar matter before we deal with lapses in other States, of which this is only one example. I am, therefore, keeping my mouth shut and arranging for the routine inspection to take place after our meetings in Delhi on September 6, 7 and 8. At that stage we shall do the needful to test this charge and act if it is proved to be true. Meanwhile, I have advised Srivastava to stop discussing the matter so that the evidence may not be destroyed.

Yours sincerely,


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