

Copy

1.10.63.

Respected Rajaji,

Ever since the party was formed, I have been working for the party in various fields. Under your great leadership, the Swatantra philosophy caught the imagination of intelligentsia and vast number of people in the country. The party undoubtedly made great strides in some directions, but, to be brief, it has regularly failed to keep up the enthusiasm and faith of people which they had shown towards the party when it was formed and declared. This is how the workers especially in the Northern states feel about the party.

Since its inception the party has been designedly kept under a sort of totalitarian shadow. There is no free air within or about the party. The party gave itself a constitution and pledged it to the workers and the people at large. It guaranteed, at its Patna Seminar, a democratic basis within the party so that the party may be truly the last word or three years to imagine. The other parties rightly allege that the Swatantra Party is not a democratic party, and therefore, not a masses party. The party has violated its own constitution and its pledged word. Strictly, in its constitutional sense, the party does not exist at all. It has no mandate whatever and no roots to stand on.

And above all this, now, the party leaders have proposed a new amendment to its constitution whereby it can be safely said that the person who controls its destinies, sitting in his drawing-room should be able to count on fingers the whole number of party's workers and leaders within a few minutes. Because they are meant to be super-imposed and planted everywhere in every state. They are supposed to be in his pocket. This is the obvious meaning of the amendment in plain words. It is a novel procedure. The purpose seems to be that the party must not be allowed to go beyond an oligarchical steel-frame. It must not be a party of the masses. That is how one feels about the general policy of the party about the party.

As the political situation obtains in the country today, the party has failed to take up the leadership of the United opposition Front so missing. There may be insurmountable hurdles, but the will towards this end is missing. The inhibitions are difficult to be understood.

Revered Rajaji, the present state of affairs in the party is not at all a healthy one. The workers feel aghast, disgusted and rudderless. There is no vigour and no will to regenerate the party as the masses party. If this morbid or moribund state is allowed to continue, the party must tend to decay from within. In these circumstances, the workers look towards you alone for guidance. I would like to appeal to you to pull the party out of the doldrums. If this cannot be done kindly give a bold call to the party to wind up and merge with the Congress, where alone the party will ultimately find repose and balance.

The PSP could not survive the adoption by the Congress of the Socialistic pattern of society, as its goal. The present reorganisation of the Congress and the warring right and left within the party have forced the

rightist elements to assert themselves boldly within the Congress. They mean to be effective and tding. This strategy and its impact will ultimately devour the Swattra Party and make it ineffective, as the party is already anaemic and wants to remain in a tight-jacket world of its own. The challenges a big one and a serious one. Swatantra Party can't face it like this as it stands today.

Our appeal lies un you alone. I hope you will save the honour and integrity of hundreds of workers, who pledged loyalty to you and the party. They feel that there is a dividing curtain between them and the Supreme leader. They do not get the opportunity of opening their hearts and placing their difficulties and feelings before you. It is more than two years since the workers gathered at Agra. Workers do not feel that there are avenues within the party where they can freely express themselves and let them be lead patiently by their leaders. They are virtually in a quandary.

Please excuse me for any impropriety or indecorum in addressing these words to you.

With profoundest respects,

Yours sincerely,

S/d. Amar Nath Verman.

Amar Nath Verman (Dr)  
Mochi Mandi,  
Ambala Cant.,  
Punjab.