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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 stride 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 designately kept under a sort of totalitarian shadow. There is no free air within or about the party. The party gave itself a constitution and lodged it to the workers and the people at large. It guaranteed, at its Patna Session, a democratic basis within the party, so that the party may be truly representative of the feelings of workers and the masses. But during the last two or three years no party elections have been held. How this can be explained is difficult to imagine. The other parties rightly allege that the

S. ~~Swamika~~ 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 every where 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 to-day, the party has failed to take up the leadership of the United Opposition Front. There may be insurmountable hurdles, but the will towards this end is also 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 P.S.P. could not survive the adoption by the congress the Socialistic Pattern of Society, as its goal. The present reorganization of the Congress and the warning right and left within the party have forced the rightist elements to assert themselves boldly within the congress. They mean to be effective and telling. This strategy and its impact will ultimately devour the Swatantra Party and make it ineffective, as the party is already anaemic and wants to remain in a tight-jacket world of its own. The challenge is a big one and a serious one. Swatantra Party can't face it like this as it stands to-day.

Our appeal lies unto 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 it 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 heard 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,

Amar Nath Verman.

Amar Nath Verman (Dr.)

Mochi Mandi

Ambala Cantt (Punjab)

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Reply

Dear Mr. [unclear]

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