

3rd April, 1963.

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Dear Rajaji,

Thank you for your typed letter of 29th and the handwritten one of the 30th of March.

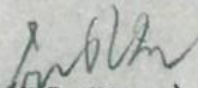
I am sorry you are so depressed these days. Undoubtedly, you have enough cause for distress what with our business friends on one side and some of our own colleagues on the other. I try to take these disappointments philosophically with the thought that these are symptoms of the backwardness of the country as a whole about which we forget in our zeal for a better time for our people and about which we are thus painfully reminded from time to time.

As desired by you I shall do what I can by way of a token gesture towards Katti. I made a public appeal at my Bangalore meeting to the Jan Sangh to withdraw their candidate and support Katti. A copy of the press clipping ~~will~~ be sent to you by the Central Office.

I have now arranged to join you at Trichy. I am planning to be there by flight IC-101 from Madras reaching there at 1430 hours. I have booked myself back to Madras on Monday, 22nd April, on flight IC-112 leaving Trichy at 8.25 in the morning. This is a new flight effective from 1st April. I shall ask Sadasivam and Mariswamy to be good enough to arrange for my night's stay at Trichy. I hope it will not be too difficult for this to be arranged. My idea is to reach Madras on the 20th afternoon from Calcutta after visiting Orissa for the Bye-Election there and to attend a seminar planned by the I.C.C.F. in Madras on the afternoon of the 20th and the morning of the 21st. I will be returning to Bombay by IC flight No. 172 on Monday, the 22nd. It would be good to spend some time with you in Madras and Trichy.

In so far as Gujarat High Court decisions are concerned, please do not worry. Arrangements are being made to take the appeal ~~to~~ to the Supreme Court and I understand that my friend Purshottam Trikamdas is being briefed in this matter. He too is optimistic in regard to upsetting the Gujarat High Court's decision.

Yours sincerely,


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