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SWATANTRA PARTY (BIHAR)

Camp, Nataraj Hotel,
Bombay, 9th February 1963.

Dear Prof. N.G. Ranga,

Unfortunately the Swatantra Party in Bihar is passing through troubled times. From distant Europe, I had heard the faint echo of the commotion that was brewing in Bihar.

Immediately on my return to India from Europe, where I had gone to recoup my shattered health because of the very great strain sustained during the general elections, I took the earliest opportunity of meeting yourself, Shri K.M. Munshi, Sri M.R. Masani, Sir H.P. Mody and other friends to find out for myself the reason that had led to this turmoil in Bihar. I came to learn to my utter regret that my report submitted to the Members of the C.O.C. at the close of their meeting in Bombay in the month of March 1962 on being scrutinised by the Organisation Sub-Committee and the Parliamentary Board in Madras, some four months thereafter, had been described as offensive, undemocratic, incorrect etc. And, as a result a resolution was passed on the 22nd July by the Joint Committee against me and the same was given publicity in the Press a month or so thereafter. How I wish, I was present then in India to explain my conduct and I am sure no such drastic step would have been taken.

Let me at the outset make it abundantly clear that my report was not written with the idea of maligning or giving offence to any member of the C.O.C. for whom I have the greatest personal respect.

I wrote the report after the results of the General Elections were announced and at a time when my mind was full of despair and dejection. Despair and dejection were only natural because of the unexpectedly poor results at the elections for the Swatantra Party in Bihar. I find my disappointments and frustrations clearly reflected in my report and quite unlike my nature and contrary to my habit certain paragraphs have been couched in a strong language. Looking at the report in retrospect I do admit that it was not proper of me to have become emotional and sentimental.

I came to attend the C.O.C. meeting in Bombay in the month of March 1962 with an aggrieved mind but I returned to Bihar as a happy being fully satisfied at the suitable solution arrived at in Bombay in regard to Bihar matters. Till my departure for Europe in the third week of June I heard nothing further either from the President or the General Secretary or my report, so I took it that no further action was called for. From subsequent events however, I find that my report was closely scrutinised some four months later and was taken to be a challenge to the authority vested in the Centre. I do realise that unwittingly I have hurt the feelings of my colleagues with whom all along I have had cordial relations. I also realise that had I refrained from submitting the impugned report in its present form this adverse reaction of the Members would not have been there.

I am sorry for having unconsciously wounded the feelings of my comrades. As no motive or intention of hurting or offending the feelings of any of the members was ever present in my mind, I unhesitatingly and unconditionally withdraw the offending and damaging paragraphs from the report submitted to the Members of the C.O.C. at their meeting held in Bombay in March 1962.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,

Sd. Kamakhya Narain Singh.

9-2-63.

VICE PRESIDENT, ALL INDIA SWATANTRA PARTY
& PRESIDENT, BIHAR RAJYA SWATANTRA PARTY.

P.S.
I have expressed above my deep regrets for whatever offence I have given unintentionally. I have already decided to carry out the Madras Resolution and have taken steps to implement it. I was not a party to the appeal that was filed during my absence nor had I any knowledge of it. I shall endeavour immediately to have it withdrawn.