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Dear Mr. Devasahayam,

I enclose herewith a letter addressed to my good friend, Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, who I understand is detained in the sub-jail at Chandigarh under your jurisdiction. As you are no doubt aware, Jayaprakash and I have been friends and colleagues from 1933 when we were secretaries of the Congress Socialist Party.

I am sure you will find nothing in my letter to Jayaprakash to which exception could be taken but, of course, you are welcome to censor it in whatever manner you think fit. I shall also be grateful if you will kindly forward to me any letter in reply that Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan might wish to send me, also duly censored.

I may mention that, when Jayaprakash was detained in Lahore Fort by the British authorities in 1943, they were good enough to allow me to correspond with him and send him reading matter, since his wife was then in prison.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly let me have a line to say whether you would permit me to send Jayaprakash reading matter. I can promise it will not be of a political nature but something that he may enjoy in the form of good literature or something that may cheer him up.

I would like to come up and see my friend Jayaprakash sometime in the near future. I understand that he is allowed a fortnightly visit with friends and I shall be obliged if you can kindly ascertain from him that, as and when I manage to come up to Chandigarh all the way from Bombay, I should be given an interview with him. I shall be glad to have your guidance in this matter.

Yours truly,

Encls: Letter to Mr. Jayaprakash
Narayan

(M. R. Masani)

Mr. Devasahayam,
Deputy Commissioner,
CHANDIGARH