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(MYSORE STATE)

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4th April '68

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Dear Mr. Madhu N. Mehta,

Subject:- Special meeting of the General Council to consider Mr. M. R. Masani's resignation from the Central Parliamentary Board and the National Executive.

I received your letter dated 31/3/68 yesterday. Soon after I read the shocking news in the papers, I wrote to Mr. Masani and have received his reply also. While I do agree with you that everything possible should be done to persuade a person of Mr. Masani's stature to continue in the High Command of our Party, I do not consider that it is expedient to call for an emergent meeting of the General Council immediately when that Council is going to meet at Bhubaneswar by the end of May '68. If I were in Mr. Dandekar's place, I would extend the duration of the General Council meetings so that one whole day can be set apart to discuss this particular matter in all its aspects and find the remedies. I have known Mr. Masani for the last 9 years and have the highest respect not only for his brilliant leadership of the Party but also for the emphasis he has always laid on character, integrity and adherence to principles. A man of his type is bound to be sensitive when he feels that something has occurred that affects his self-respect. He is not also accustomed to take decisions without deep consideration. I think the General Council will be well-advised to leave this matter in the safe hands of our great Leader, revered Rajaji.

In this connection, I must lodge my emphatic protest at the fact that members of the General Council are not given sufficient time to discuss Party matters at the meetings that are held once or twice a year. After travelling some 1,500 miles, a few minutes are all that we get to discuss Party matters. In my opinion every member who wants to speak must be given at least 15 minutes and the meetings should be held for two meetings ~~should be held~~ full day normally. Otherwise, it becomes a farce and a waste of time and money for those who do not get enough time to speak about the ways and means of strengthening the Party. I am sending copies of this letter to some of the top leaders of the Party for their information.

Yours Sincerely,

V. T. Sreenivasan

(V.T. Sreenivasan.)

General Secretary,

Executive Committee

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Mr. Raju S.C.

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