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Mr. Minoo Masani, M.P.,
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Dear Sir,

I am sending by separate post a copy of my pamphlet PROGRAMME FOR A CENTRE PARTY and herewith copies of opinions on the same by MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARI, "THE HINDU" and two well known Bombay papers. If you like some of the views expressed in the same I should like to hear from you in reply. I have made a reference to you in the introduction in which I have pointed out Mr. Rajagopalachar wanting to start a conservative party while you had in mind a Centre party. "The Hindu" has clearly brought out how I am for a Centre Party.

I thank you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

B.N. Rao

PROGRAMME FOR A CENTRE PARTY: By B.N.Rao, (R.T.C.)
Publishing House, Hyderabad.1).

The pamphlet by Mr.Rao makes out a case for starting a Centre Party as opposed to a "conservative Party", like the Swatantra Party. The Centre Party stands for mixed economy. It believes in co-existence between the public and private sectors, greater decentralisation in administration, a purer and more efficient public service and a more realistic foreign policy. The author also pleads for a national Government for at least five years.

(FROM THE HINDU, MADRAS, OCTOBER 10, 1959).

PROGRAMME FOR A CENTRE PARTY, by B.N.Rao, R.T.C.
Publishing House, Central Bank Buildings, Hyderabad.1.

This programme for a Centre Party was drafted well before the formation of the Swatantra Party. The author had been toying with the idea of a new party with a centrist programme to save the country from the twin risks of Communism and Fascism.

He suggests that the party should support a mixed economy, in which there will be planning by the State for enterprises in the public sector, but not for those in the private sector. He recommends a system of profit-sharing, both in private and public enterprises, to provide incentives to workers for greater production and better service. The programme opposes State-sponsored farm co-operatives, suggesting in its place land development and management societies for rural betterment.

The author's arguments are well-informed.

(FROM SUNDAY STANDARD, BOMBAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1959).

PROGRAMME FOR A CENTRE PARTY, by Shri.B.N.Rao,
Published by R.T.C.Publishing House, Hyderabad,
pp.28 Price not mentioned.

The author claims he wrote this booklet before the formation of the Swatantra Party.

Shri.Rao makes out a case for rejecting the extremes of individualism and communism. To many, democracy is only a slogan to cloak their vested interests. At the same time, people have lost faith in socialism, "which is like a hat which has lost its shape because everyone is wearing it."

The author is of the view that wise legislation and good government can do much good. "Thinking people however dread the octopus-like state spreading its tentacles everywhere and even while benefiting from a service done by it, it gets on their nerves to wait in the queue, to fill the forms and to humour every Dogberry dressed in brief authority to get things done".

(FROM THE BHARAT JYOTI, BOMBAY, AUGUST 30, 1959).