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Replied on 12/11

Dear Mr. Masani,

While I was in Calcutta last week I found an unexpected amount of enthusiasm for the Swatantra Party amongst the sophisticated circle. How deep it is and whether it is transient, or not, is something I cannot gauge at this stage, but, knowing Bengal and Bengalis to be what they are, I think support from the sort of people I am talking about would be an asset to the Party. To illustrate, my cousin, who is becoming a very strong supporter, is none other than the granddaughter of the late C.R. Das (direct lineage). Anyway, her husband, Mr. A. Mukherjee, who is the Managing Director of Blacker & Company, and on the Bengal Swatantra Party Committee, is very keen to meet you. He wants to throw a small informal Cocktail Party on the 4th December, and personally I would feel most grateful if you could accept his invitation, through me, to attend. I am certain that you will find the gathering and their views interesting, even if they do not prove to be useful in any way in the long run.

Please do let me know as soon as possible whether you can come to the party, so that arrangements can be made sufficiently in advance.

Incidentally, while flying down to Calcutta I was next to Sardar Bahadur Lal Singh and intend contacting him in a day or two. I have approximately 40 new members waiting to be enrolled in Delhi, and he promised to let me have the necessary forms, etc.

Hoping this finds you and Mrs. Masani fit and well.
With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M.R. Masani,
BOMBAY