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My dear Rajasaheb,

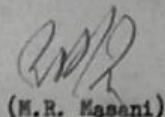
I am glad to know from the press that your Party has confirmed the decision of its Executive to merge in the Swatantra Party. I am also interested to see that you would like the next national convention of the Party to meet in Patna in March next year. We shall certainly consider this invitation and I forsoone would be happy to do so, representing as I do a Bihar constituency in Parliament.

I am a little disturbed, however, to see in the press report a reference to the Bihar convention of the Party being called in Hazaribagh on the 14th December as unfortunately that date clashes with another engagement of mine elsewhere. As you know I was very keen to be with you on this occasion. The press report also says that the conference is being held on that day since it is the birthday of Rajaji. That, however, is not correct since Rajaji's birthday happens to be on the 8th when all ^{you} including you, will be meeting in Hyderabad. I hope, therefore, the report is not correct.

Quite apart from my personal difficulty, it strikes me that a convention in Bihar would be much too early in the middle of December. I think it would be better if one waited for another month or so to enable enrolment of members to proceed further and to enable proper branches to be set up in a large number of districts. Alternatively, May I suggest that the convention you are planning in December may be a ^{the} Hazaribagh District Convention of the Party and not claiming to be representing the whole of Bihar? I hope you will give this matter a little further consideration.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


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