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Dear Mr. Khera,

I have just received your letter of 3rd November and hasten to reply to it.

As desired, I am enclosing herewith a full summary of my Presidential address at the Madras District Convention of the Party. I am sorry that there is no written text of my speech but I think the publication of the summary should be adequate.

I am glad you kept to yourself the discussion we had about the organisational matters of the Party. The question is still under discussion and will come up for consideration at a meeting of the Central Organising Committee planned in Hyderabad on December 9. Any premature discussion or publicity about these matters would only do harm since several knots still remain to be untied.

I have noted what you say about your efforts to find office accommodation and if I am not sending you a telegram in reply, as desired by you, it is because I do not think it is right for me to influence a decision when the burden of implementing and financing it will fall on local shoulders. When I was in Madras last week-end, it was felt by Rajaji and Professor Ranga that a place like Delhi should not need any financial support from the Centre and could well look after itself. I think this is a fair view. In these circumstances, for me to encourage choice of premises by the Delhi Party would not be correct. My own view is that if the place is suitable, Rs. 750 need not be considered too high a rent, but then, that decision should be taken by those who will have to raise the money. I hope the meeting of 8 or 10 people that you are planning has found it possible to come to that decision.

I shall be coming up to Delhi for the session of Parliament on November 16 and shall be glad to see you and other comrades in the Party at that time.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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