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Dear Sardar, Basant Singh,

I returned from Europe only a couple of days back and one of the first things I saw was your letter of the 6th containing your kind invitation to participate in the Punjab Party's convention on October 25. How very nice of you to send me such a cordial invitation. Professor Ranga had already spoken to me about it and I told him that while I would try to be with you then, I am afraid it is not possible for me to make any commitments. The reason is that I have already got commitments in Bombay which conflict with this engagement and while I shall try to adjust things to make it possible, I am not at all confident of my ability to do so.

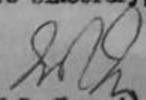
In any event, since Mr. Munshi will be inaugurating the Conference and Professor Ranga will be presiding, I am sure your Conference will be a great success with the support of two such stalwarts of the Party. If I cannot come on this occasion, I shall certainly be glad to come over to your State when I am in Delhi during one or other sessions of Parliament.

I would request, therefore, that for the present you do not count on my attendance but I promise that if I can make it possible to be with you I shall certainly do so and will let you know definitely about this about a week ahead of your Convention.

Incidentally, Mr. S.P. Khanna of Bishop's Villa, Dalhousie, has written to me expressing a desire to join the Party and asking what formalities are there for enlisting as a member of the Party. Will you kindly send him a form? I had met him at the San Francisco during an International Conference there and he should be a source of strength to you.

With my best wishes for your success,

Yours sincerely,


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