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General Secretary's Letter No. 313

Dear Friend,

By calling for a boycott of her visit to Ahmedabad and creating commotion at a public meeting addressed by her on 30th October, the opposition parties have needlessly provided Mrs. Indira Gandhi with renewed opportunity to malign the opposition and to repeat her ridiculous excuse that progress in India has been blocked by the opposition parties. If any one is responsible for the tragic state of our country today it is none else than Mrs. Gandhi and her Party. Mrs. Gandhi's vehemence is in direct proportion to her inability to govern the country.

We of the Swatantra Party who have always sworn by constitutionalism and who firmly believe that every human being has the right to express his or her own opinions cannot support any activity designed to intimidate others, whoever they may be, from expressing their views. Let us therefore leave her alone.

While I am sure that our units all over the country are fully aware of this fundamental policy of our Party, I thought I might write this letter so that even when things get desperate we do not forget our basic adherence to what Voltaire once said "I may not agree with you but I shall defend to the death your right to disagree with me."

We should take particular care to ensure that our Party and its members do not participate in actions such as the one witnessed in Ahmedabad and elsewhere. This does not mean that we should not demonstrate against the ruling party but we should refrain from actions such as disrupting their meetings.

Kindly ensure that this circular is read by all our units and by as many members as possible in your State.

Yours truly,

(Madhu Mehra)

General Secretary