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General Secretary's Letter No. 298

Dear Friend,

I am sure you are aware of the decision of the Government of India to take over the wholesale trade in Wheat.

The National Executive of the Party at its meeting in New Delhi on February 18 adopted a Resolution against this very dangerous move of the Government of India. You must be also aware that the Foodgrains Trade observed a complete Hartal on Wednesday, March 21 which received very good response throughout the country.

Very soon, we will be meeting in Madras on the occasion of our Sixth National Convention. I request you to kindly come prepared to Madras with your proposals for action to be taken to mobilise farmers, retailers and the wholesalers in your State against this disastrous step of Government. Your scheme should include direct action. We should decide on a co-ordinated programme of action at Madras.

Please also get in touch immediately with the various organisations of merchants, traders and farmers and seek their cooperation and help in mobilising a campaign if possible under the banner of the Swatantra Party.

I would also suggest that you get in touch with Mr. N.K. Ganapaiah (Harley Estate, Saklaspur Post, Hassan District, Mysore State) the General Secretary of the Farmers Federation of India and seek his help in establishing contacts with those Farmer leaders who are associated with the Farmers Federation.

Please treat this matter as most urgent.

Yours sincerely,

Madhu Mehta

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General Secretary

P.S. I would like to draw the special attention of the Party's Units in the wheat-growing states e.g. Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, U.P., Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra to this Circular.