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5th April 1970.

Express delivery

My dear Raju,

I have sent you a telegram after my talk with H.M. Patel this morning, copy attached, asking you to issue invitations to members of the Gujarat State Parliamentary Board but you should it make it clear that their presence would be required on Sunday the 12th as H.M. Patel wants the discussion on C.C. Desai on the 12th when he is present. In deference to his wish, I have agreed to this. You may, therefore, issue the invitations to the members of the Gujarat State Parliamentary Board for the meeting on Sunday the 12th at 10 a.m. instead of Saturday the 11th.

If my mother's condition does not deteriorate, I plan to reach Bombay from Calcutta by IC 130 on Wednesday the 8th and to be in office before 11 a.m. I would suggest that you see me at 11 a.m. provided the plane is on time and I reach office by that time.

Piloo Mody is coming to see me at 12 noon to report on his talks with Baria who is in Bombay. Baria's invitation to the National Executive meeting may be sent to him at his Bombay address on the 7th. *if he is there*

And also about the Executive when I met yesterday this morning

I am glad to say that all members of the Party here except those from Gujarat are clear on the need for action against C.C. This goes for Patodia, Mohammad Imam, Y.G. Gowd and Soman. I shall talk to Singh Deo and our Orissa colleagues when I am in Bhubaneswar tomorrow. I have dropped a line to Rajaji hoping he is in line with us and asking him to do whatever is possible in so far as the four members from Madras are concerned. That leaves a few others such as Sardar Basant Singh, Budhi Prakash, J. Vallikappan and Ganapiah. I assume you have already communicated with them. If any of them finds it difficult to come because of financial reasons, I shall be glad to reimburse them when they are in Delhi for their travel expenses. If you wish you may mention this to one or two people where this may be necessary. I do not know whether we should press Kusumben to come. I suggest you write to her if she feels like voting against C.C. but to stay at home if she does not feel strong enough to do so.

The Party already does that

Yours sincerely,

M.R.
(M. R. MASANI)

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Bombay.

P.S. Incidentally I find that on page 7 of the three-column note the Gujarat Herald is mentioned as being published from New Delhi. Please have it corrected before despatch.

to H. R. Masani