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My dear J.P.,

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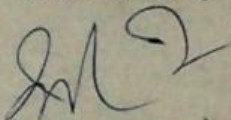
I am sorry to see in the press that you are down in bed this time as a result of an enlarged prostate. I am sorry this thing has caught up with you and I think you better be cut up as I was last December and get rid of it. There is more than one way to get rid of it. The modern way is T.U.R. (Trans-Urethral Resection). This is entirely painless. You are supposed to bleed less and recover quicker. Unfortunately, only a few surgeons in India are proficient in it. Also not all cases are responsive to this line of surgery.

I do not know what your plans are but I suggest you visit Bombay as early as you can, get examined by Dr. Soonawala, a very bright and nice young fellow. If he feels that he can do a T.U.R. on you that will be fine. If not he will give you honest advice because he is very cautious.

Do please let me know how you propose to handle this and if you are coming to Bombay, let me have a little advance notice so that an appointment with this Surgeon could be made in advance to make sure he is in town by that time.

I shall look forward to seeing you again.

Yours as ever,


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JP has gland trouble

PATNA, March 16: The Sarvodaya leader, Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, is suffering from enlarged prostate gland, doctors attending on him said today.

There is no cause for anxiety, according to sources close to the Sarvodaya leader.—PTI.