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MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
(LOK SABHA)



2, Tughluk Road,
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January 7, 1970.

My dear Raju,

Today ~~with the~~ announcement that the session of Parliament will start not on the 16th but on the 20th February, ~~this~~ creates a problem for our CPB and National Executive meetings on the 12th and 13th. There are three alternatives open to us: One is to stick to these dates which are generally acceptable. The second is to shift the meetings to the weekends of the 14th and 15th. The third is to fix the meetings on the 16th/17th or the 17th/18th, it being borne in mind that the 17th is a holiday (Bakri Id), so that people can move on to Delhi for the session as was originally contemplated. I shall leave it to Dr. Cooper and Mr. Dandekar to decide which of these three alternatives to take and then to inform ~~to~~ our Members and then stick to it. Please inform me in London about the decision.

I enclose herewith a copy of the text of the Press Conference which I had in Delhi on 31st December. Jain said that he has posted two or three copies at your office address. These must have reached you by now. I am sending you this revised text as I think it is worth publishing as a pamphlet under some such heading as "Swatantra President meets the Press" or "Swatantra President on the Country's Needs in 1970". This would be good material to provide talking points for our officials and members throughout the country who are often left without intellectual guidance. Unless Dr. Cooper and you see any particular objection, I suggest that this may be sent to press and I hope it will be ready by the time I return. Following on this Press Conference, the General Secretary might as well put out a circular drawing out to that part of my statement which refers to the ~~the~~ fundamental Right to Property and to call upon the State Units to organise meetings and other forms of agitations to push Party's point of view as was done on the Constitution (17th) Amendment so that the public may be made aware of the implications of this dangerous move.

There are two research jobs I would like you to entrust to appropriate people. One is a Digest of my statements in regard to socialism, both negative and positive so that I can deal, on my return, to Morarji Desai's attributions to me. I have spoken in Parliament once or twice saying that the aims of socialism are acceptable to us but not the method which has proved to be unsuccessful. Secondly, somebody should study the economic pronouncements of both Congress Sessions in parallel columns and try to understand the ~~contrast~~ on each point. This should certainly be given to some economist and our Central Office need not be burdened.

My mailing address in London due to uncertainty about hotel reservation, will be care of Tata Ltd., 18, ~~Grosvenor Place~~

London S.W.1



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~~London, SW 1~~, Cables TATALL, London, SW1. I shall appreciate your sending me, as in the past, press clippings which you think I should see and also your own correspondence. I shall be in London from the 14th to the 21st. Nothing should be posted to me after the 16th as it will not reach me.

Yours sincerely,

(M.R. Masani)

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*The enclosed letter from Dr Khushwant
Singh speaks for itself. There are similar
complaints from the Delhi press. Please
send Dr Khushwant Singh immediately a
photograph & write up with our apologies.
JRM*