

Swatantra Party

MATUNGA UNIT.



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TEJOOKAYA PARK,
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Dear Mr. Masani,

The members of the Matunga Unit of the party have been greatly concerned about your reported resignation from the Chairmanship of the party and have asked me to write to you as under:-

1. Although it is not our idea to suggest that you have not thought long and hard over your decision to resign, it is felt by all of us that, perhaps, a picture as it looks from the bottom, may be usefully presented to you.
2. You know that our unit has always taken a lively interest in every event of significance in the party and has not hesitated to place its view before the highest authority in the party. It is our belief and often pride that the party leaders do take notice of our views.
3. On the question of your resignation, we did not want to have written merely to comply with a form or as a mark of loyalty to you personally. So we have responded to the situation somewhat late, but are consoled by the thought that our arguments are not addressed to a closed mind.
4. The impression created among the lay public by your resignation-move is that (a) the recent electoral reverses have scattered our party ranks, (b) that the party is therefore on the brink of closure and (c) that we do not have the moral fibre to withstand the shock of defeats.
5. Among sympathizers of the party, the move has stirred feelings of doubt and misgivings about our capacity to fight many future battles, some of which we may lose and many we may win.
6. The unit cannot regard the feelings of the lay public or sympathizers as totally irrelevant to our own ways of thinking or action.
7. The unit moreover considers that the impression and feelings of the public at large do have a subtle influence on the morale of the party ranks.
8. The morale of the party members and the public feeling about a party's present condition interact decisively on the party's capacity to influence national politics.

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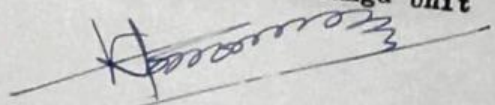
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9. By these considerations, the greatest need of the hour for the party is that no action that has the slightest chance of further reducing the stature of the party (both apparent and real) will be contemplated by any of its members, low and high placed.
 10. Consequently, the exercise of any principle however noble or constitutionally valid, when it threatens further to erode the party foundations, is not the exercise of "Dharma".
 11. The unit feels moreover that your well-known views on the alliance or adjustment made by the party on the eve of the elections should absolve you, in any case, of even your constitutional responsibility for the election debacle. The theory of constitutional responsibility applied to the detriment of the party is, in our opinion, self defeating.
- The unit therefore appeals to you in all its sincerity that you will withdraw your resignation and not deny the party your much-needed stewardship.

yours faithfully,
Swatantra Party - Matunga Unit


(K.H. Subramaniam)
President.