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Dear Mr. Masani,

It is quite astonishing mixed with sadness to hear the news of your resignation to the chairmanship of All-India Swatantra party.

When you were unanimously elected as chairman about 16 months back, we thought that at last the whip came to a ripe person and felt happy.

As chairman, you need not feel sorry for the defeats of the party. On the other hand you must take much more active steps to encourage the cadres and workers who are disappointed and frustrated, and to organize the party from basic rank and file levels. With my little experience I dare to state that it is not a healthy symptom on the part of a Statesman like you to run away and escape from these responsibilities.

During this crucial time, in which Indian democratic set up as a whole is in peril, there is much need to democratic forces, persons like you. The party cadres and workers like me all over the country are expecting much from you and waiting for your guidance in organizational matters.

I feel sorry to state that no one else can endeavor  
to fill the gap, and the party cannot afford to lose you as its  
chairman, at this crucial moment.

I hope that you will be kind enough to reconsider  
the issue.

Thanking you  
Yours sincerely

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