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My dear Paricha,

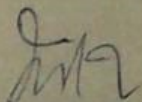
Your letter of the 5th has just come in and I hasten to reply.

I think that you of all persons should be present in Bombay at the meetings on 16th, 17th and 18th instant as the very continuance of the Party is at stake and you are one of the few who thinks aloud and speaks freely and fearlessly.

I am sorry to learn the result of the meeting in connection with the Delhi Municipal Elections. When Rajmata wrote to me she seemed to be keen to do something positive. I understand that Cooper and Nanda are in touch ~~with you~~ *about* and helping you with your efforts.

I can assure you that my resignation has nothing to do with what you mention in your letter. The basic reason is what I have stated in the letter to members of the General Council which you must have seen by now and my mind is made up that this is the best thing I can do for the moment. My objective is that somebody young and fresh take over and certainly not any of the old wheelhorses, one of whom you mention in your letter! So do come.

Yours sincerely,



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