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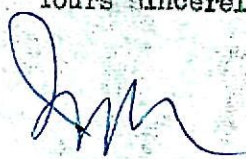
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My dear Ghasiramji,

I am sorry your letter of April 7 has remained unacknowledged. As you say these are sad times and I share your anxieties.

I am afraid, however, the reasons given by you for the debacle all point a finger at others. Should we not accept our own responsibility for joining hands with discredited politicians like Patnaik and Mahtab? I am not a bit surprised at the debacle. Of course you will remember that I had forecasted in my speech in Madras at our Convention a year ago. I see no hope for the party in Orissa unless it breaks up from its present allies and starts functioning again as Swatantra Party. In any event, there is a meeting of the General Council called in Delhi early in June; we shall meet then and discuss all these matters. I am very much against the kind of company that is suggested we keep at the national level and I am convinced the results will be just as poor as they have been in Orissa

Yours sincerely,



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