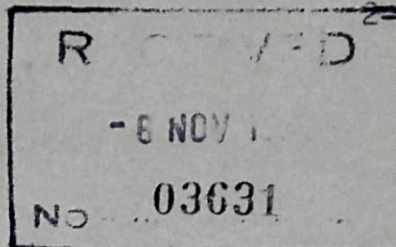


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My dear Masani,

I hope that by the time this reaches you. You will have read the papers that have come from Bihar, Orissa, Delhi regarding the internal problems of the local party units.

No. We have somehow to strengthen the hands of Shri Kamakhya Narainjee, in view of the failure of the other groups either to co-operate with him as the President or to develop any party or Kisan work on behalf of the party. We are losing time and there is practical no activity in Bihar, where we ought to be gaining strength. Please think of some plan by which we can put life again into that unit.

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✓ Delhi is going through strange turmoil. Even Mr. Joshi is unable to persuade Col. Pashricha to take the local workers into his confidence and take decisions in consultation with and on the authority of the Executive Committee. I learn that even when you were present at the last meeting, there was no effective atmosphere of co-operation. you have to do something effective to bring the elements into a frame of mutual understanding and co-operation.

Orissa is a strange enigma. Shri R.N. Singh Deo is such a decent leader. You have to study and deal with their problems rather delicately.

None Coming to the bye-election in Cooch-Bihar, Gayatri Devijee feels that if we can send a competent Bengali to go there, study the situation and offer proper advice as to who may prove to be an effective and reliable candidate, she may be able to help us to gain the seat. Shall we depute Shri Nandi of the Calcutta office, who does not appear to be very impressive but seems to be competent. She also enquires how much of financial assistance the centre may be able to offer.

The Bangalore friends are not in too much of a hurry over the date of our convention, if at all it is to be held. The first fortnight of February will suit them.

We have been carrying on a fairly effective nation-wide campaign against the 17th Amendment and the South and Guzerat Khedut Sangh have been quite active in the North. You have to persuade Shri Dandekar to spare some of his time and collect funds for the campaign against the 17th Amendment. Shri Patil who is willing to work is not provided with funds for touring etc. Jain has put in good work in this campaign.

Now that you have also come, We will be able to do more. All this work is going to be effective in 1967.

Yours affectionately,
M. Masani

To Shri N. N. Dasgupta
copy of the letter from ~~Shri~~ the President, Bihar State Swatantra Party, Patna to Prof. N.G. Ranga, Nidubrolu.
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I received yesterday a letter from Mr. A.P. Jain informing me of your ensuing visit to Bihar.

I am sorry to inform you that I am still confined to my flat being treated for jaundice. This should, however, not affect your programme in the ordinary course.

Since I met you last in Delhi some very significant changes have taken place in Bihar which I am afraid the Swatantra Party composed as it is, is finding it difficult to face. I received a startling piece of information from Patna yesterday that some nine members of the Bihar Legislature belonging to the Swatantra Party want to cross the floor.

After the change in the Bihar Ministry Shri Janki Nandan Singh has become very active and he is manoeuvring to bring about a split in the Party and the Working Committee as it is constituted, is inactive.

To be very frank on account of very strenuous work my health has failed and if I do not get active co-operation from my colleagues in the Working Committee, I am afraid we shall continue to loose our hold on the masses.

Who is responsible?
You are aware how the Working Committee was formed in Bombay - since then there has been practically no movement in the political field from our side with the result that other parties are steadily forging ahead. There are barely 3 years for the next General Elections and if the inertia which has set in the party is not shaken immediately I am afraid the Swatantra Party which is the main opposition to-day in the State of Bihar will be relegated to a position of insignificance.

I had great hopes ~~xx~~ when I joined the Swatantra Party. I was convinced that from this platform the Congress Government could be defeated. But, alas, I stand disappointed to-day. My hopes and ambitions have been frustated and helplessly I have to watch the opportunity slip away from us. Without being boastful my achievement as founder President of the Janata Party with a handful of willing workers is already before you. The Centre cannot expect wonders from me without even being willing to give me the liberty to form my own Working Committee.

You have visited Bihar in the past and you know how your trips were arranged and what brilliant results came out from your visits. Had the party machinery been capable your programme could have been arranged even though I am ill. But peculiarly placed as I am, I do not know whom to entrust the work of arranging your reception, trip etc. The General Secretary is there and if you so desire you may write to him to fix up your programme but if the grandeur of the former visits is not visible what impact will it have on the public opinion?

With Kindest regards.

59B Upper Circular Road, Calcutta 7
October 29, 1963

Respected Rajaji

Please to accept my
respectful Vijaya greetings + good
wishes. Trust this finds you fit.

I am in due receipt
of your kind letter (of 23.10.63) — in
reply to mine of 21.10.63, and thank you
for the same.

I am glad that you ap-
prove of my idea of "concerted action"
among Opposition leaders of like mind
ideals; & I appreciate very much
your valued advice to have a meeting
arranged at Delhi about the end of
November. I am trying to take steps
accordingly.

I am pretty well,
Yours truly

Neelakrishnan (Babu)
(President, Janasiksha)

As I am Secretary, I am
writing this on my last name - Neelakrishnan
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