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Respected Colleague,

I hope you don't feel insulted by my impertinence in calling you a colleague as I am by no means a leader of the party as you are.

I write this on the plane which is bringing me to Bombay from Bangalore. Late in the night, I will be going out of India. I have just come to know that leaders of the party are meeting tomorrow in Bombay. I presume you are concerned about the sickness of our party which registers no response to the even greater sickness of the ruling party.

Today, the nation has realized that it's poverty and destitution are the result of widespread corruption and large scale larceny of the national assets by mainly our present rulers. I am convinced and so is the nation by and large that half the present cabinet ought to be in jail. Our party leaders should be going round the country and proclaiming the stark truth. Our party workers must be holding demonstrations in every city and hamlet, in fact every nook & corner of the country. The nation wants feverish action. What does it get instead ? Tongue tied leaders busy pulling down one another and creating an unmistakable impression that they are suffering from some inexplicable inertia and paralysis.

Your strange somnolence on the occasion of the imminent election of the Nation's President is showing up our bankruptcy of talent that we cannot announce a name better than the current finance minister who according to me is a guardian of the stolen wealth of the nation and a protector of the grand dacoits, who have made us miserable beggars. Believe me the nation is not wrong in concluding that we too have skeletons in our cupboards which make us impotent spectators of the rape of our finances.

I have been a loner all my life and I have no ambitions left but I do not propose to lie low when the successor to the present incumbent is foisted by Sonia Gandhi on this unfortunate nation. I am revolted by the incompetence of our leaders.

Pardon my anger and my uninhabited expression of it.
With some flicker of hope still left.

Your Sincerely

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