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as Chief Whip of the Government

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New Delhi,
14th February 1947.

My dear Vallabhbhai,

I have your letter of the 13th February about facilities being given to our Chief Whip, Shri Satyanarain Sinha. It should not be difficult to make arrangements for some of the things you have suggested, but I think it will be exceedingly difficult at present to provide a furnished house. The housing position is acute and quite a large number of persons are in the waiting list.

I think, also, that it might not be easy to arrange for a car allowance at present. This would create complications in the various departments. Perhaps, we could take up these two matters later.

In regard to the other matters, that is, a stenographer, a permanent peon and telephone at his residence, there will be no difficulty. Indeed, I understand that a stenographer has been placed at his disposal; so also a peon. I have asked Shavax Lal to have a telephone fixed up.

Yours sincerely,

Jawahar

The Hon'ble
Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,
Home Member,
Government of India,
NEW DELHI.

Copy of original of this
reply sent to Shri. Satya-
narain Sinha
15/2/47.

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NEW DELHI, 13th Feby. 1947.

I talked to you the other day about the Chief Whip, Sri. Satyanarain Sinha. I see the difficulties in the way of providing him with all the facilities, which the office of a Chief Whip would entitle him to. But some minimum facilities must, in fairness to him, be given.

2. Having regard to the nature of his duties and responsibilities, I feel that the following arrangements are necessary if he is to perform his duties efficiently and without discontent:

- (a) He should be given the whole-time services of a Stenographer.
- (b) He should have the services of one peon permanently, and another only during sessions.
- (c) A telephone at his residence is of course indispensable.
- (d) He should also be given a furnished house.
- (e) Since he has to do a great deal of outing on his official duties, a suitable car allowance, say, about Rs.250/- per month would be adequate.
- (f) He will also require some reference books.

3. There is a lot of grumbling in the party about our attitude towards him in this matter, as they feel that it is unfair to expect him to do all the work that he is supposed, or required, to do without any assistance and almost single-handed. We must think about it and do something.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru,
17 York Road, NEW DELHI.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF THE GOVT CHIEF WHIP.

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1. Stone - Permanently.
2. Two Poems - One during the session only and the other permanently.
3. Telephone - at residence.
4. A furnished house .
5. Car Allowance - Rs 250/- p.m.
6. Reference Books for the office.