

Charan Singh

Vidhan Bhavan,  
LUCNOW.

17th February 1960.

My dear Dr. Reddi,

I hereby tender my resignation from the office of Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

The reasons for my resignations, I believe, are already broadly known to you. In any case, it does not appear necessary to mention any reasons in this letter.

It is obvious that it will be necessary to have another Chief Minister and a Council of Ministers. Inasmuch as the Samyukt Vidhayak Dal enjoys a majority in the Legislative Assembly, you might, perhaps, like to send for its new leader with a view to forming the Government. In case you do not consider it advisable to do so or the Dal fails to elect a Leader, then, the Congress Party having earlier gone out of power on its failure to command the confidence of the Legislative Assembly, I would advise that you may be pleased to exercise your power mentioned in Article 174(2)(b) of the Constitution of India, that is, to dissolve the Legislative Assembly and hold a mid-term election in order to ascertain the wishes of the people in regard to the political party or parties which they would, in the circumstances, like to run a stable Government for them.

With regards,

I am,  
Yours  
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Dr. B. Gopala Reddi,  
Rajyapal, UP,  
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My dear Dr. Reddi,

I am enclosing a copy of a resolution passed by the Council of Ministers on February 9, 1968, advising you to dissolve the Assembly and hold a mid-term election.

With regards,

I am,  
Yours

Dr. B. Gopala Reddi,  
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I have submitted my resignation to the Governor today. More than a fortnight ago, I had raised certain questions which, according to my lights, are vital to efficient functioning of any Government, particularly a democratic Government. There is little likelihood that a satisfactory answer to these questions will be forthcoming. On the contrary, developments that have taken place since then, have further confirmed me in my belief. While some of the constituent units of the SVD are making preparations for, or have already launched upon, a mass agitation for seizure of public lands in utter violation of law, others are engaged in publicly condemning the administration. If necessary, I will make a detailed statement later.

In resigning from my office I blame no one. A coalition of so many disparate elements necessarily involves an adjustment with principles. But adjustment or compromise implies a limit also. In my case, this limit has been reached, that is, a stage has arrived when I can no further compromise with the future and interest of the people as I see it.

Maybe, there are certain friends in the SVD who do not like a mid-term poll. If there are any such, there is still an opportunity for them to elect a new leader in my place and avoid the poll. The SVD enjoys a clear majority vis-a-vis the Congress Opposition.

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