



# स्वतंत्र भारत Swatantra Bharat Party

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To

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«DESIGNATION», «COMPANY»  
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## **SUBJECT: INVITING YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURE REFORMS**

Dear «SALUTATION» «SURNAME»

The debacle of Mr Modi's farm laws highlights our failure as a nation to explain the benefits of reforms to our fellow citizens. We must not allow the failure of these laws to diminish the reform impulse that underpinned those laws.

We need to educate the nation. In a democracy we should not push reforms on people. Policies of liberty require an effort to educate the nation. ***I am writing to seek your views on creating an atmosphere for reforms.***

In early September 2021 I took over as President of **Swatantra Bharat Party**. This statement of Rajaji summarises our party's view: *"I want an India where talent and energy can find scope for play without having to cringe and obtain special individual permission from officials and ministers, and where their efforts will be judged by the open market in India and abroad"*. And our party believes in freedom, not freebies.

Our party's intellectual heritage harks back to **Swatantra Party**, started by Rajaji in 1959 at the age of 80 to oppose Nehru's socialism. Unfortunately, his party folded in 1974 after a valiant battle. Later, Sh. Minoo Masani blessed Sh. Sharad Joshi's initiative to start Swatantra Bharat Party in 1994 to carry the torch of freedom. In 2013, Sh. Sanjeev Sabhlok, a former IAS officer, helped start **Swarna Bharat Party**, with a similar goal – of advancing liberty. These two registered liberal parties have now agreed in-principle to merge in 2022 and be known as Swatantra Bharat Party, to be led by me.

### **1. Release of the Report of the Supreme Court Committee on Farm Laws**

I have written twice to the Supreme Court to release the **Report of the Farm Laws Committee** of which I was a member, so it can be used to educate the people and policy makers.

### **2. Education through the media**

I have written a number of articles in major newspapers recently and spoken to major media and TV channels to build a constituency for reform. I recently spoke to news outlets against SEBI's 20 December 2021 directive to bar the launch of new derivative contracts for wheat, soyabean and

gram. Such arbitrary actions create confusion and uncertainty for farmers and agriculture sector investors. Our party rejects such interference.

### 3. Policy options to be debated by the nation

On 22 November 2021 I requested the Modi government to progress a White Paper on agriculture. Since he has not actioned my request, Swatantra Bharat Party is now developing a Discussion Paper on Agriculture. I aim to release the Paper at a large event in New Delhi after the UP elections.

***I seek your views on issues that need to be included in the Discussion Paper. Any research assistance in preparing the Paper, including any documents, would also be appreciated.*** Please send your views at [discussion@swatantra.org.in](mailto:discussion@swatantra.org.in).

### 4. Mass-scale education program and an all-India tour

Mr Modi is unfortunately no Lee Kuan Yew. He has failed to engage with and educate the country on reforms. Unlike Mr Modi, however, I am fully committed to leading India towards reforms.

I am working on creating educational material on reforms to be propagated at the grassroots, via social media, and through personal interactions with people during an all-India tour. Illustrative areas on which I hope to prepare educational material include:

- a. Deregulating agricultural trade by scrapping the Essential Commodities Act.
- b. Freeing agricultural import-export policy.
- c. Ease of Doing Business in Agri-Processing.
- d. No unnecessary intervention by the government in commodity markets.,
- e. Government to providing basic infrastructure in rural areas.
- f. Welcoming investment and the best technology in agriculture from over the world.
- g. Promoting contract farming, storage and processing of agricultural produce.

I hope I have succeeded in explaining the challenge that lies ahead of us: to educate India in the benefits of reforms.

***I invite your suggestions via phone at 9923707646 or via email at ghanwatanil77@gmail.com on how we can, together, create an atmosphere for change.***

Inevitably, this work will need **financial support**. I invite you to contribute generously via the payment gateway at: <https://swarnabharat.in/donate>. Contributions will receive tax exemptions under sections 80GGB & 80GGC of the Income Tax Act. I can also discuss non-political options for your financial contributions.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Finally, can I request you to **widely share this letter** within your network? A generic copy of this letter is available at: <http://swatantra.org.in/Documents/SBP-Ghanwat-Dec21-Agri.pdf>

Yours sincerely

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**President**