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To,

**Shri Jagdeep Dhankar,
Chairman,
Rajya Sabha, Parliament of India**

Respected Shri Jagdeep Dhankar ji,

I write these lines to you with utmost regret about the unfortunate events that took place on a solemn day. On 18th September, 2023 we all gathered to say adieu to the historic old building of the Parliament where we rightly devoted one entire day to discuss 75 years of our democratic journey. Members expressed themselves on socio-political issues confronting the country and reflected on the journey of the Indian Parliament. But most unfortunately, due to reasons known only to you, you denied this opportunity to the Communist Party of India to take part in the discussion.

Our party had given names for the discussion at appropriate time and your secretariat listed our names in the list of speakers for this important discussion. A total of 34 speakers from 20 different political parties contributed on the last day of proceedings in the historic old Parliament building. But the CPI was not allowed this opportunity when the House was abruptly adjourned at 5:58 PM on 18th September, 2023. I approached you personally and you assured me that the CPI will be called. But the assurance proved futile, resulting the CPI was not allowed participation in this very important discussion. No reason was offered for this omission.

CPI's role in liberating the country from British rule, shaping the national agenda in a progressive direction post-independence and strengthening parliamentary democracy is very well known. In both the Houses, members from different political parties including the Prime Minister recalled the invaluable contribution of CPI stalwarts like Indrajit Gupta, Bhupesh Gupta and Hiren Mukherjee by raising people's issues in the Parliament. It is regrettable that a party with such glorious history, vision and an uninterrupted presence in the Parliament since independence was not allowed to express itself. I seek your understanding in this concerning matter with an expectation that such occurrences shall not be repeated in the future.

Yours sincerely,

(Binoy Viswam)

**Leader of CPI Parliamentary Party &
Secretary, National Council**

**Member, Committee on Public Undertakings
Member, Standing Committee on Labour, Textiles and Skill Development
Member, Consultative Committee on Environment, Forest and Climate Change**