

Letters

MP's recent letter compels reader to re-address his status

To the Editor,

In your Jan. 17 edition, Mr. Bhaduria states in a letter to you that he had "stepped aside" from the Liberal caucus.

This is the second time, by my count, that he has tried to mislead his constituents with respect to his departure, the first time being in March of last year.

On both occasions, Mr. Bhaduria tried to leave us

with the impression that his decision was voluntary. I wrote the Prime Minister's Office last year to get the truth and I thought you might be interested in the reply.

This directly contradicts what Mr. Bhaduria said then and recently and I trust this response will put an end to his attempts to twist the truth, at least with respect to this issue.

I sent the PMO's

response to my letter to Mr. Bhaduria and I received this reply last June.

I did consider the matter closed then but by misleading us again, he invites further comment. I'm neither unstable nor insane but if I have to put up with Mr. Bhaduria as my MP past the next election, I may be

Douglas R.C. Short,
Unionville.

Prime minister's office confirms resignation

Dear Mr. Short,

On behalf of the Right Honourable Jean Chretien, I wish to thank you for your letter regarding Jag Bhaduria, Member of Parliament for Markham-Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Your views on this matter have been noted and I can assure you that Mr. Bhaduria has not been accepted back in the Liberal Caucus.

As you have noted, Mr. Bhaduria was asked to resign from caucus in

January, 1994.

The time you have taken to write the Prime Minister is appreciated.

Mark Stokes,
Special Assistant -
Correspondence
Office of the Prime
Minister.

MP calls letter writer unstable

Dear Mr. Short,

This letter is in reply to your correspondence to me dated June 5, 1995, regarding your concerns over whether or not I simply stepped aside from Liberal Caucus. Since I have attempted to clarify this situation in previous correspondence I am rather dismayed that you have chosen to continue to "split hairs" over an event that took place some 16 months ago.

I fail to comprehend your obsession with the details of this matter. Why must someone like yourself continue to raise this dead issue?

It does leave one with the impression of a person with a mental instability. A Member of Parliament should only be taken to task for what he/she has done in their role and position as an elected official.

Not only is my record impeccable since the day I was elected, but also, aside from an isolated incident, prior to my holding office.

In essence, I would ask you to please judge all Members of Parliament equally.

Going crazy over how I left the caucus - whether I withdrew or

whether I was asked to resign - is showing nothing more than the extreme instability of your mind.

You can carry on with this vendetta if you wish but it is not in my nature to continue in this insane debate with you.

In closing I have enclosed a copy of the official letter of withdrawal that was faxed to the Prime Minister on Jan. 27, 1994. I now consider this matter closed.

Jag Bhaduria, M.P.
Markham-Whitchurch-Stouffville.



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