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(LOK SABHA)



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The President  
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2-Tuglaq Road  
New Delhi.

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Dear Sir,

My Bill seeking laying down of procedure for the appointment of Chief Ministers of States came up for voting this evening in the Lok Sabha. Had there been proper labbying of our M.Ps and had a Whip been issued this would have been the second occasion of the Government's defeat. What happened on the Lokapal Bill would have been repeated today. The Government <sup>was</sup> survived by just 12 votes. Many of our M.Ps were in Parliament but did not care to be present in the House to participate in the division.

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This Bill as you know was approved by the Party in 1967. Rajaji himself has written on the subject a number of times in Swarajya in support of my contention. Even then the Parliamentary Party did not care to support the Bill or take its implications seriously.

The casual manner in which this Bill has been treated has definitely depressed and disappointed me. I feel completely let down. This letter is to make you aware of my sentiments.

Yours truly,

(P.K. Deo)

Paul Joseph  
Discussed with P.K. Deo  
who was satisfied no  
complaint could be made  
by him & I need not  
reply. HJ  
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### Note on P.K.Deo's Bill

On 27th January, 1968, the Central Parliamentary Board noted with concern that two bills involving major issues of policy had been moved by Mr. P.K. Deo, a member of our Party's group in the Lok Sabha without the Board being consulted. The Board decided to call upon Mr. P.K. Deo to withdraw both the bills relating to (a) Impeachment of State Governors and (b) Amendment of the Constitution to provide for a vote in the Assembly before the appointment of a Chief Minister.

On 12th February, 1968, at a General Body meeting of the Parliamentary Group, there was a discussion on the two Bills which Mr. P.K. Deo had tabled during the last Session. The Central Parliamentary Board had requested that Mr. P.K. Deo should withdraw these Bills.

On 13th February, 1968, at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Group, Mr. P.K. Deo raised the question of his two Private Members' Bills which the Parliamentary Board had asked him to withdraw. It was agreed that Mr. Deo was free to make a representation to the Parliamentary Board.

At the Executive Committee on 15th February, 1968, it was noted that Mr. P.K. Deo's Bill regarding the issue of Governors was put on the agenda for the coming Friday. Mr. Dandekar said that Mr. P.K. Deo had made a representation and the same will be considered by the C.P.B. in due course. In the meantime, he was expected to carry out the decision of the Board. Mr. P.K. Deo said that he was aware of the decision of the Board and would respect it. In view of this, it was decided that members will abstain from the House to avoid any embarrassment that may arise.

At the General Body meeting of the Parliamentary Group on 16th February, Mr. P.K. Deo stressed his desire to move the Bill re; impeachment of Governors which he had already introduced. The Leader announced that there was no necessity for any proceedings in this regard. Anyhow he was free to take such action as he desired in regard to the Bill in the light of the decision of the Executive Committee and carry out his desire ultimately to move for its withdrawal at the time of the second reading.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee on 20th February, 1968, the Committee considered Mr. Tapuriah's letter and Mr. P.K. Deo's explanation. The decision taken by the Committee on 15th February, 1968 was reaffirmed with the modification that the Members of the Party who feel like opposing the Bill should be free to do so.

At a meeting of the C.P.B. on 13th <sup>April</sup> February 1968, Mr. P.K. Deo's communication explaining the circumstances leading to the sponsoring of certain Bills in the Lok Sabha was discussed. The Board had ~~xx~~ at its previous meeting in Cochin on January 26 called upon Mr. P.K. Deo to withdraw the Bills since he had tabled them without the Board's permission.

Since there was no express procedure laid down requiring the prior approval of such matters by the C.P.B., Mr. P.K. Deo's explanation was accepted. It was further agreed that the General Secretary should work out a procedure to be followed in this regard at the Central and State levels and ~~submit~~ submit his

proposals at the next meeting of the Board.

At the C.P.B. meeting held on ~~13th April, 1968~~ May 31, 1968, the General Secretary's note on the procedure to be followed by the Party MPs, MLAs and MLCs in regard to the sponsoring or supporting of Bills, official and/or non-official, in Parliament and State Legislatures was discussed. The note was approved subject to requiring expeditious disposal of such matters whenever they came up for consideration by the Central/State Parliamentary Boards. The Note stipulates that, when a member of the Party's group in either House of Parliament desires to sponsor a Bill, he should first place it before Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Group. The Secretary of the Parliamentary Group should then forward it with the Committee's comments to the General Secretary of the Central Office, who will take necessary action for early consideration of the Bill by the Central Parliamentary Board, who may either approve the Bill or call upon the proposer of the measure to drop it. The decision of the C.P.B. would be final.

1. Extracts from Minutes of the General Body Meeting, held on 12th February, 1968.

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