

SWATANTRA PARTY

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Dear Sri. Modi,

There was a meeting on the 2nd instant attended by Rajaji, Masani, Ranga and myself. We discussed various subjects including the location of the Central Office. The question of finance also came up for discussion. Both these matters will have to be thrashed out during the forthcoming meeting of the Organising Committee and the All India Council at Hyderabad. Meanwhile, I am sending you two statements, one of which I prepared for the meeting on the 2nd. It will give you a rough idea of the financial position, very rough I am afraid. We are trying to collect funds in Madras and I have already written letters to all the States impressing upon them the imperative necessity to become self-sufficient by collecting local donations. Demands for money are pouring in from everywhere and I am warding them off as best I can. The second statement I am sending refers to the expenses of the office in Madras. You will see that we have had to incur a certain amount of capital expenses. My running expenses will be in the region of Rs.1500/- including the cost of the monthly Newsletter, the first issue of which you would have seen.

Kindly send me Rs.5,000/- to cover the expenses for the next few months. Kindly also send the sum of Rs.500/- to Sri. J. Stephen Narayan, Fidelis Cottage, Laitumkrah, Shillong, Assam. The Party in Assam is growing but it is very poor and the money I am sending is for printing expenses. I hope and trust that you will be attending the meetings in Hyderabad on the 8th, 9th and 10th of next month.

Yours sincerely,

S. Y. Krishnaswamy

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Sir H.P. Modi,
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Finance

At a meeting of the Finance and Authority Committee held at Bombay on the 22nd of ^{August} September 1959, it was tentatively decided that the Central Party will have to allocate the following sums to the State organisations.-

	Rs.
* Madras	1,000
* Gujarat	2,000
Rajasthan	1,000
Andhra	2,000
Punjab	1,000
* Mysore	1,000
Uttar Pradesh	2,000
Orissa	500
* Leader's office	1,000
* Central Office	1,000
	<u>Rs. 12,500 per month</u>

This sum was subsequently raised to Rs. 15,000 a month to provide for the expenses of the other units that may be formed.

It was tentatively agreed that out of the total sum of Rs. 1,80,000 for the year, Bombay will try and get Rs. 1,00,000 and that the balance will be found by the States.

The States of Madras and Mysore have since agreed to finance themselves. This means a State-allocated credit for Rs. 24,000.

Bombay, West Bengal, Bihar and Delhi have not been included in the list. They are expected to be self-sufficient.

Madhya Pradesh is now asking for money.

The following sums have been spent:-

1. Andhra	Rs. 2500	by Bombay
2. Uttar Pradesh	2500	
3. Rajasthan	2500	
4. Leader's office	5000	
5. Printing etc.	2262.00 H.P.	

6. Orissa	Rs. 500	by Bangalore
7. Madhya Pradesh	500	
8. Shri Ranga	1,200	
9. Printing, travelling etc. incurred by Bangalore account		

Total

I am giving money only on specific requests made. No money has been given to the Punjab and Gujarat.

Further demands have been made by Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. U.P. has sent a monthly budget for Rs.2000/- Rajasthan has also sent a monthly Budget for Rs.2000/- for the next 6 months. Shri Agni Bhoj wants Rs.500/- for touring and Rs.500 for a telephone. He has been doing very good work for the Party.

I expect Madras, Mysore, Bombay, Delhi and West Bengal to be self-sufficient. The others will be demanding money.

The Central Office will need the following sums:-

Office expenses	Rs.1000
Publications	500
Travelling	500
Leaders' expenses	1000
	3000

For the present, the total budget provision made i.e., Rs.1,80,000 will suffice. There will be changes inter-se but that is a detail. (For instance Madhya Pradesh will require money, in place of Madras).

There is no accurate information about the resources position. There are two accounts, one in Bombay and one in Bangalore. The Bangalore account consists of small donations received and a sum of Rs.20,000/- sent by Rajaji in two lots of Rs.10,000 each. It is understood that the Bombay account is merged with the Provincial account which we are operating as and when demands are made.

The items of expenses in the States are (1) Printing of forms, (2) Payment for travelling, (3) expenses of

meetings and conventions, and (4) payment for workers.

As regards printing, I have stopped the practice of getting the forms printed in Madras and Bombay. Now that the first set of forms have gone, the States can do the further printing themselves. I am instructing the State organisations accordingly. Centralised printing has been a strain and it is better that the Provincial organisations are not given opportunities for victimising the Centre for delays. Besides, now that the States are collecting membership fees, it is time that they frame a budget of essential expenses; otherwise the sums may be spent less usefully.

No rule is being enforced at present for allocation of membership fees as between the Central Party and the State Organisations. It is better that no rule is enforced now. We may leave it to the States to spend the collections.

I am asking the State Organisations to send monthly account. No one has sent any account so far.

I consider the financial position both precarious and unsatisfactory. Unless donations are collected and a fund created, we may find ourselves in difficulties towards the end of 1960.

I have formed a special Donations Committee for Madras. Similar committees will have to be formed in each region. The Members of these committees should be influential and form a ^{cross} section of influence -- trade, industry, professions, agriculture.

Leaders will have to personally approach persons whom they know for donations.

Special efforts will have to be taken in Bombay and Calcutta.

MADRAS OFFICE EXPENSES.

CAPITAL EXPENSES

Furniture and Fittings	Rs. 651.98	
Cost of Partitions	" 472.00	
Fans	" 386.68	
Dupphone	" 303.11	
Typewriter	" 1071.91	
	<u>-----</u>	2885.69

RUNNING EXPENSES

September	Rs. 1007.20	
October	" 822.00	
	<u>-----</u>	1829.20
Total of Capital and Running Expenses till 31.10.1959)		4714.88

NOTE

The bulk of the expenditure incurred so far has been on furniture, fittings and partition. These, subject to depreciation, are entered in the assets.

The major expense in September was two month's rent of Rs.560/-.

The recurring expenses are likely to be as follows:-

Superintendent	Rs.150.00	
Typist	130.00	
Clerk	80.00	
Peon	60.00	
Postage	150.00	
Telephone	50.00	
Stationery	200.00	
Conveyance	100.00	
Rent	140.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>	Rs.1130.00

This will be the monthly minimum expense. Publications will require more money. A monthly budget of Rs.1500/- will include the cost of an economic Assistant and a part of the cost of publications.

A duplicator has to be purchased at a cost of Rs.1000/-

I have asked the Bangalore account to debit the cost of the typewriter

I shall continue to debit the Bangalore account with travelling expenses.

We may have to provide another Rs.500/- a month for publications, the following publications have to be undertaken:-

1. Speeches of Leaders
2. Monthly Newsletter
3. Manifests
4. Constitution
5. Talking points

I am asking the state organisations to undertake their own printing of forms and painciples.
