

April 21, 1964.



The facts regarding the nomination to the Estimates Committee by S. Buta Singh and the consent of Sardar Kapur Singh thereto are as follows:-

As ascertained now, on the 9th of April S. Buta Singh was asked by the then Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee whether S. Kapur Singh was seeking election to the PAC or Estimates Committee or not, and he said 'in public interest he must'. On being told that the Party was not nominating S. Kapur Singh, S. Buta Singh was told that others might help if the nomination is filed. Simultaneously, it was also indicated that in case of S. Kapur Singh, the Congress Party might bring him on the "Agreed List"..

The same day an Independent Member expressed a similar wish and promised to get necessary quota of votes for S. Kapur Singh, outside the votes of the Swatantra Party and those in electoral alliance with it.

There upon S. Kapur Singh told Buta Singh to mention the matter to Rangaji for procuring his consent.

S. Buta Singh then did mention the matter to Rangaji immediately and a few minutes afterwards Rangaji hinted at the matter to S. Kapur Singh. Rangaji's stipulation was that S. Kapur Singh must not poach on any votes in electoral alliance with the Swatantra Party in this matter, and the name of DMK was particularly mentioned.

Under these circumstances, the nomination of S. Kapur Singh came to be made, consented to and not withdrawn.

We are persuaded that no principle of Party discipline or interests is involved here, for,

(1) All of us are bound by the decisions and whip of the Party in this matter, and

(2) S. Kapur Singh's agreeing to go on the Estimates Committee as an independent member, does not contravene any Party directive or policy.

We are sorry that some comrades now feel that we should not have ~~thus~~ thus wished to go to the Estimates Committee without prior and formal, consent of the Party, even though, as it is, we are assured that S. Kapur Singh stands a good chance of being elected, without Swatantra and allied group's votes.

Kapur Singh
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Buta Singh (cont.)