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Draft minutes of the meeting of the Bombay Regional Council held on Monday the 2nd November, 1970

A meeting of the Bombay Regional Council was held at the Party office on Monday the 2nd November, 1970, when the following members were present:

1. Shri Lalchand Hirachand (Chairman)	7/9
2. Shri Parmanand Kejriwal	4/9
3. Shri Shashikant Gavaskar	6/9
4. Shri P.S.Koppiker	9/9
5. Shri K.B.Magodia	7/9
6. Shri Devraj Parakh	3/9
7. Shri Mahmood Omer	6/9
8. Shri Pramod Tejookaya	7/9
9. Shri Hubert Fernandes	4/9
10. Shri P.M.Shah (by invitation)	3/9
11. Shri V.H.Sequeira	6/9
12. Shri Abdulla Shariff	5/9
13. Shri Arjun Ekke	8/9
14. Shri M.K.Khandekar	6/9
15. Shri Adi Narain	9/9
16. Shri J.Venkiteswaran	6/9
17. Shri N.K.Jagtap	8/9
18. Shri Hiren Shah	8/9
19. Shri Vrajlal Astik	3/4
20. Shri Dhiraj Shah	6/9

1. Leave of absence was granted to Smt.Sharayu Daftary, Shri Shafi Pirzada Shri Nana Chudasama, Shri Shantilal Thar and Smt.Sarla Datar.

2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th October, 1970 were confirmed.

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3. Arising out of the minutes, the General Secretary, reported that a letter has already been sent to the organisers of Col.Sawhny Training programme for Democracy to hold a Workers' Training Programme in the month of March and a reply is awaited. The General Secretary added that this is kept in the month of March, 1971 as till the end of January, 1971 we would be busy with our National Convention of the Party.

(b) Regarding the office premises for the North East District, Shri P.M.Shah who was present said that he hoped to start it by December, 1970.

(c) Regarding the Workers' participation at the time of the National Convention, the General Secretary reported that a letter circulated to the delegates of the Shibir did not get much response. Hence a Workers' meeting would be called after 8th November, 1970 when all the active workers would be invited and their cooperation sought. This meeting has been kept after the 8th, because by that time, the National Executive would have finalised the programme of the Convention.

3. The Progress in the membership since the last meeting of the Regional Council on 5th October, 1970 which was submitted at the meeting was as follows:

Name of the Dist.	L/member	W/worker	Workers as on 5-10-70	New workers upto 2-11-70	Total membership
<u>Bombay South</u>					
Colaba	81	19	15	1	116
Dhobitalao	20	8	7	-	35
Kumbharwada	7	1	2	-	10
Umerkhandi	-	3	2	-	5
Girgaon	9	4	16	-	29
Khetwadi	4	6	22	-	32
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	L/member	L/workers	Workers as on 5-10-70	New workers upto 2-11-70	Total M/ship
<u>Bombay Central South Dist.</u>					171
Wellbasher	84	26	60	1	17
Nagpada	-	-	17	-	35
Byculla	2	1	32	-	34
Mazagaon	1	1	28	4	-
Sewree	-	-	-	-	10
Parel	-	1	9	-	267
<u>Bombay Central Dist.</u>					102
Matunga	9	5	87	1	22
Naigaon	-	-	22	-	30
Mahim	4	2	23	1	15
Dadar	5	-	8	2	24
Worli	6	-	17	1	7
Lovegrove	2	-	5	-	200
<u>Bombay North West.</u>					118
Bandra	19	10	73	16	110
Santa cruz	17	7	64	22	26
Vile Parle	2	1	23	-	85
Andheri	3	10	69	3	34
Malad	-	3	29	2	36
Borivli	1	1	34	-	409
<u>Bombay North East</u>					73
Kurla	-	-	72	1	62
Ghatkoper	-	-	58	4	31
Chenbur	-	3	12	16	112
Mulund	-	-	104	8	36
Thana	-	30	6	-	13
Kalyan	-	-	12	1	827
<u>Total</u>					
Bombay South			227		
Bombay Central South			267		
Bombay Central			200		
Bombay North West			409		
Bombay North East			327		
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1) Bombay South It was noticed that only one member has been increased. The General Secretary informed that the Colaba, Dhobitalao, Girgaum and other units have been more or less defunct. He also said that Mr. Shantilal Thar President of the District has already expressed his desire to be relieved of the post of the President of the District, and the name of Mrs. Sarla Datar was suggested by the Joint Secretary, Mr. Mahmood Omer, who is in charge of the District. She has also expressed her inability. In view of the above, the General Secretary was asked to call a meeting of the District and to suggest ways and means to activate the District and the Primary Units under it.

ii) Bombay Central South Dist. It was noticed that only 5 members have been enrolled. Shri Shashikant Gavaskar, Joint Secretary, who is in charge of the District assured that he would try to activate the units and report at the next meeting of the Regional Council.

iii) Bombay Central District. It was noted that only 5 new members have been added. Shri Pramod Tejokaya, Vice-President of the Matunga Unit said that they had not tried for the increase of membership. However, they would work for it and report at the next meeting of the Regional Council. Mr. Devraj Parakh, President of the District Unit said that he would do his best to increase the membership of the Party in his district.

iv) Bombay North West Dist. The Chairman appreciated the progress in membership which was 43. The General Secretary replied that there are three defunct units in Bombay North West also. He would try to revitalise them with Shri Adi Narain, who is the Secretary of the District.

v) Bombay North East Dist. It was noted that there is increase of 30 members during the month. Shri P.M. Shah reported that during the last month more than 80 workers were enrolled and they would still enrol more members. Looking out the

performance of the Bombay South, Central South and Bombay Central Districts, the Chairman felt that our workers are not giving much time to Party work and even units which are supposed to be strong ones are not making members. The General Secretary was asked to review the organisational position.

f) Regarding the office premises for Worli Unit, the General Secretary reported that he would discuss the details with Mr.S.Ramachandran and report at the next meeting of the Regional Council.

3. Regarding the Physical Training Programme for the workers of the Party, Shri Hiren Shah elaborated that this scheme has been submitted by him with the main aim to get workers for the Party. In this connection, he cited the example of R.S.S. assistance to Jansan h and Congress Seva Dal's to Congress and he said that by giving physical training and imparting discipline, the Party would be able to get volunteers for its work. The Chairman felt that the Party has already taken some programmes and it should concentrate on that and no use of taking more programmes and not able to show results. However, Shri Hiren Shah was asked to start the same at his unit level so that it would be a pilot project for other areas.

4. Regarding suggestions for the National Headquarters' consideration at the National Convention of the Party, Mr. Adi Narain placed before the meeting a suggestion for activising the Party at all levels. It was decided to circulate the same to the members. It was also decided that the General Secretary should issue a Circular to units inviting suggestions and then to consider all the suggestions at a specially called meeting.

5. Regarding Rajaji's Birthday which falls on 8th December, the General Secretary suggested we should hold a meeting in this connection at the Regional level, since there were complaints in the past that this function was not held at the Regional level and only units celebrated it. He also informed that there is a proposal that has come from Matunga Unit to hold the same there, which, it was felt, could be done by the Unit itself. The General Secretary was asked to get in touch with the leaders of the Party and also outside important personalities and arrange for the programme.

6. The General Secretary reported that Mr.Dhamankar from Mahim has resigned from the Executive Committee and his vacancy has to be filled up. He also informed that Mr.Indukumar Thakkar has resigned from the Executive Committee and Regional Council as he has now shifted from his area. The General Secretary was asked to undertake the necessary procedural matters to fill these vacancies.

In this connection, Shri Hiren Shah wanted to know whether Mr.Gokaran a former candidate from Malad had also resigned. The General Secretary replied that his subscription expired on 31st December, 69 and since he had not renewed, he was no longer a member of the Party.

7. Shri Devraj P. Akh reported that one Mr.Bhavarlal Jain of Parel has been stabbed by a Communist worker and he wanted that proper action should be taken. The General Secretary requested Mr.Gavaskar to enquire into the matter and do the needful.

8. Regarding the All India Youth Front's Preparatory Convention held at Orissa, Shri Khandekar who attended on behalf of the Bombay Region reported about the various decisions taken and the main objectives of the front. He reported that out of four names suggested only two attended.

9. Shri Adi Narain reported that the Delhi Unit of our Party had extended full cooperation to him when he staged a demonstration demanding scrapping Rationing in Bombay at the time of Chief Ministers' Conference at Delhi on 26th September, 1970. He therefore suggested that a letter of thanks should be sent to them. The Chairman authorised the General Secretary to do the needful in the matter.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.