

S W A T A N T R A P A R T Y
ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF GREATER BOMBAY

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A meeting of the Organising Committee of Bombay was held in the Party Office on Monday, 14th November, 1960 at 6.15 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. Murarji J. Vaidya (in the Chair),
Mr. Piloo Mody,
Mr. B.K. Mistry,
Mr. R.V. Murthy,
Mrs. D. Lynn,
Dr. R.C. Cooper,
Mr. Ramesh Kulkarni (Organising Secretary),
Mr. K.S. Srinivasan (Office Secretary),
Mr. M.N. Mehta (Executive Secretary)

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed subject to the inclusion of Mrs. D. Lynn's name which had been left out through oversight.
2. Before taking up the agenda for the day the Chairman narrated that he had met a few enthusiastic workers from Colaba at his residence, who had acquainted him with their difficulties in obtaining permission for holding meetings in open spaces. Obstacles were being put up by the police and therefore our office should try and help these workers to obtain the necessary permission.
3. The Commissioner of Police had turned down our application to move about the City in a van equipped with loud-speakers to announce the meeting at Chowpathy on 22nd November, to be addressed by Rajaji, without assigning any reason whatsoever. Shri B.K. Mistry was directed by the Chairman to take up the matter with the Chief Minister.
4. At the lunch, not more than twenty-one members of the press were to be invited. Active workers were entitled to a lunch card at cost price of Rs.7/- only if they sold one or more cards. An active worker was not entitled to more than one card at cost.
5. The number of handbills to be printed was to be increased by 10,000.
6. Two old bills of Social Stationery Mart dated July and August, 1960 for Rs. 92.50 & Rs. 178.25 respectively, were sanctioned for payment.
7. In regard to the Municipal Elections, the Chairman stated that we should as individuals, and not as a Party, try and support as many as 40 independent candidates in the City.
8. Mr. S.V. Raju's letter regarding sharing of office rent, electricity and telephone expenses with the Central Office was considered. The Committee decided and Mr. Mistry was advised to write accordingly, that it was open to Mr. Masani to reopen the issue of sharing the expenses at the next meeting of the Organising Committee. However,

the Committee felt that payment should be made retrospectively from July onwards and if it were not possible for the payment to be made in a lump sum it may be paid in reasonable instalments.

9. As Miss Mistry had tendered her resignation with effect from 1st December, 1960, a replacement was sanctioned and it was left to the Office Secretary, in consultation with the Office-Bearers to decide upon the person to be engaged. The office peon, Shri Bangera was sanctioned fifteen days leave since he had completed a year's service. However, since he required a fortnight more on grounds of ill-health, it was decided that he could avail of such leave without pay.

10. With a vote of thanks to the Chair, the meeting concluded.

HON. SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN