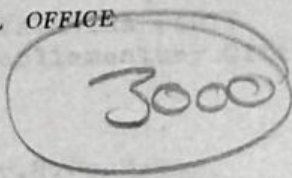


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Paul J. Jain

Dear Mr. Masani,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a Note dated 31st October addressed to Mr. Dandekar by Mr. A. P. Jain of our Parliamentary Party Office.

Mr. Dandekar is away on a foreign tour and is not likely to reach Delhi before the commencement of the Winter Parliament session. I consulted Mr. Raju of our National Headquarters and he feels you may deal with this in the next meeting of the Party in Parliament in the absence of Mr. Dandekar.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Saranwar

Secretary to Mr. N. Dandekar.

Mr. M. R. Masani, M.P.,
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31st October, 1969.

Mr.N.Dandeker.

Mrs.Mona Albuquerque asked me this morning whether there are any standing arrangements for the Ministers for consultation with the Party office bearers during off-session period. Unfortunately there are no such standing arrangements and but for one instance up till now there has been never any opportunity where any Minister wanting to consult the Party might have been disappointed.

Recently the National Shipping Board had decided to send a delegation to some of the African countries. Without consulting the Party they had included the name of Mr.H.Ajmal Khan as one of the delegates. I came to know about this delegation three or four days before their scheduled departure and immediately I brought this fact first to the notice of Mr.Loknath Misra and subsequently of Mr.C.C.Desai. Mr.Desai immediately contacted Mr.Raghuramiah, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs. The Minister told him that he had already included Mr.Ajmal Khan in the delegation. Mr.Desai objected to his name being included without consulting the Party. He had of course no objection to Mr.Ajmal Khan going in the delegation. The Minister said that he did it as he received a request from Mr.Ajmal Khan and there were no office bearers present in Delhi for consultation. Mr.Desai said after all our Party office is in Delhi and that his office could have contacted our Party office and a necessary reply could have been given to them.

Generally during off-session period whenever any information is needed by any Minister or Ministry they contact us and we try to establish contact with the Leader, Deputy Leader or one of the Secretaries (Mr.C.C.Desai is generally in Delhi during off-session period also) or some times Shri Dahyabhai Patel.

Sd/-
(A.P.Jain).