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September 13, 1968

Handwritten signature: P. S. G. S. S.

My dear Chandubhai,

This has reference to your letters of 22nd, 27th and 31st August, regarding your request for approval to move a Bill in Parliament to abolish altogether the powers of the President/Governor to nominate members to the Rajya Sabha/Vidhan Parishads.

2. The Board approved your proposal in principle and authorised me to examine and approve your Bill on that basis. The relevant extract from the Minutes of this meeting is attached.

3. So will you please let me have a final draft of your Bill in the form in which you propose to introduce it, confirming its provisions to the specific objects in view and the minimum consequential changes (which should raise no new question of principles or policy)? *confirming*

Yours sincerely,

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(N. Dandekar)
General Secretary

Mr. C.C. Desai, M.P.
6, Akbar Road,
New Delhi-11.

Encl: *

cc: 1. Prof. N.G. Ranga
New Delhi.

✓ 2. Mr. M.R. Masani,
Bombay-1.

Handwritten signature: N. Dandekar

Extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Central
Parliamentary Board held at the Vithalbhai Patel Bhavan,
New Delhi on August 31, 1968.

Bill to Amend the Constitution

It was recalled that Mr. Desai had earlier obtained the approval of the Board to a Bill which sought to empower the President/Governors to make nominations to the Rajya Sabha/Vidhan Parishads at their personal discretion. Mr. Desai felt, however, that this would be ineffective in practice.

The Bill for which he now sought the Board's approval was designed to abolish altogether the powers of the President/Governors to nominate members to the Rajya Sabha/Vidhan Parishads. The Board approved the proposal in principle and authorised the General Secretary to examine and approve the new Bill on that basis.

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