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Leader/Deputy Leader/Shri Dandeker

In the last meeting of the Executive Committee of our Party, it was decided that I should meet the independent member of the Lok Sabha, Shri Yashpal Singh, to explore possibility of his joining our Group in the Lok Sabha. Accordingly I met him on Tuesday, 2nd July and had an hour's discussion with him at my residence. I apprised him of the numerous complaints against his performance during the last Parliament when he was with us for about two years between 1962-64. He said, in case he joined our Party now, he would definitely abide by our the Party's whip and submit to its discipline. His speeches would definitely coincide with the programme and policies of the Party and there would be no violation of directives given to the Members from time to time on important subjects coming up for discussion in the House.

Last time Mr. Yashpal Singh was an associate member of the Party. This time he is prepared to become a life worker of the Party and thus will be a full-fledged member of the Party like all of us.

Next came the question of his occupying a seat on the second bench about which he was insistent last time and it was that which led to his resignation from the Party. I made it clear to him that no such pre-condition would be acceptable. There were senior members of the Party and naturally they must occupy seats on front benches; without any assurance whatsoever I told him that the Party taking into account his seniority would give him a proper seat. He said that he would not insist on a seat on the second bench but he must be given some position in the U.P. Party, that is regional organizer of Agra, Meerut and Rohilkhand divisions. He assured that he would in co-operation with the State President and other office bearers of the Party, would not go beyond the powers delegated to him and would do his best to organise the party with a view to fight the mid-term poll about which he was hopeful of securing at least 50 assembly seats for our Party. His assessment may be on the higher side but I understand from a number of members from U.P. that he is a very influential person because of his father's background and that he is a very good public speaker and as a result attracts an impressive gathering. During the last general elections he left his constituency and went and fought elections against Mr. Mahavir Tayagi and was successful.

While organising the Party he would try and enroll workers. He said that it should not be difficult for him to enroll a lakh of workers. ~~As he says,~~ Even if he secures 20 to 25 per cent of what he says, it is worth trying.

Mr. Yashpal Singh also said that his work would be facilitated if he is provided with conveyance by the Party.

It is for your information and further instructions so as to arrange his meetings with the leaders. If we are in favour of his joining the Party, we should ~~exploit~~ it in view ^{of expedite}

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