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Extract from Draft Minutes

5 The General Secretary's letter to the Bihar State President dated 21st December 61 and the Bihar State President's telegram in reply of 24th December in regard to the Bank credit for jeeps were then taken up for consideration. The Bihar State President appealed to the Sub-committee not to burden him with as much as Rs.2.80 lakhs out of the credit of Rs.4 lakhs, as suggested in the General Secretary's letter. The General Secretary pointed out that the proposal made by him in his letter gave priority to the needs of the Party's endorsed candidates in Bihar. He presented the Ways and Means position which showed that, if any amount beyond Rs.3.75 lakhs was made available to Bihar for repaying the credit or otherwise, it would be unjust to the candidates of the Party in other States who, as at present, were not likely to receive more than Rs.25,000 per endorsed constituency which was low enough. The General Secretary repeated on the failure of the State President, despite repeated requests dating from September, to allot jeeps made available as a result of the Credit, to the endorsed candidates of the Party as also other defaults in implementing the Baroda Award. The Raja of Ramgarh gave an assurance that if whatever money was available for Bihar was earmarked towards repayment of the Credit, he would endeavour to meet the financial needs of the Party's endorsed candidates. It was ascertained that out of the fifteen endorsed constituencies, Rs.50,000 had been paid in cash and Rs.80,000 paid to the Bank on Raja of Ramgarh's behalf and at his request. For Tirhut division, Rs.75,000 were needed for Darbhanga district and, assuming a new jeep ^{each} was made available to Purnea and Saharsa, Rs.20,000 would be needed for these districts. These payments and

commitments totalled Rs.2.25 lakhs leaving a balance available of Rs.1.50 lakhs. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that Mr. K.M.Munshi, after further discussion with the President of the Bihar State unit, should draft a resolution and a draft agreement to be entered into between the Treasurer of the Party and Shri Kamakhya Narain Singh of Ramgarh setting out the basis on which this matter would be resolved and that these drafts should be presented to the Sub-committee the following morning.

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