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EXTRACT FROM DRAFT MINUTES      OF 5/1/62

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8. Mr Munshi presented a draft resolution and a draft agreement and, after discussion, the following resolution was adopted by the Sub-committee :

The Parliamentary Sub-committee considered the correspondence between the Rajah Saheb of Ramgarh and the General Secretary in regard to delivery of Jeeps to candidates and the question of payment to the Central Bank of India Limited on behalf of the Rajah Saheb.

The Parliamentary Sub-committee took into consideration the fact that the expectations in regard to funds to be raised for the elections have not been fully realised and that the number of endorsed constituencies in Bihar has been recused from 25 to 15. The payment, therefore, to be made to Bihar would be Rs.3,75,000/- in all. Allowing for various payments and commitments made, a sum of Rs.1.50,000/- remains available for payment towards the loan raised from the Central Bank of India Limited for the purchase of Jeeps.

(1) The Parliamentary Sub-committee, therefore, resolves that a sum of Rs.1.50,000/- should be paid to the Central Bank of India in monthly instalments of Rs.20,000/- each, on behalf of the Rajah Saheb, provided that 15 Jeeps are delivered for use by the endorsed candidates in Bihar, by the 18th of January 1962, to the satisfaction of the General Secretary or his nominees.

2) The Rajah Saheb guarantees that on the Bank being paid off, the said 15 Jeeps shall be the property of the party.

(3) The Parliamentary Sub-committee further is of the view that an arrangement should be made with the Rajah Saheb substantially in terms mentioned in the draft Agreement and that as soon as possible the parties should pay off the Bank their share of the amount due in terms of Clause of the draft Agreement.

9. As the reduction of the amount which the Swatantra Party would pay to the Central Bank might affect the interests of the Pledger who has pledged the jeeps to the Central Bank and as the Raja of Ramgarh was associated with the Pledger, he thought it would be legally correct for him to abstain from voting in so far as the aforesaid part of the Resolution is concerned.

10. It was arranged that Shri Kamakhya Narain Singh of Ramgarh would, on his return to Patna, send a telegram to the General Secretary within the next two or three days indicating the date on which the General Secretary should send his representative to Patna to take charge by January 18 of 15 jeeps referred to in the Resolution and to ensure that they were placed in the possession of the Party's endorsed candidates in Bihar, whether in the Tirhoot division or elsewhere. The allocation of these fifteen jeeps would be according to the discretion of the General Secretary. Shri Kamakhya Narain Singh, on his part, promised to designate a responsible person who would meet the General Secretary's representative in Patna on his arrival and facilitate the execution of the necessary documents from the endorsed candidates who would hold the jeeps from the Central office of the Party and who would promise to return them immediately after polling concluded to the General Secretary of the Party through the President of the Bihar State Party. The following form to be signed by the candidates concerned was drafted :



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"Shri Kamakhya Narain Singh of Ramgarh has delivered Jeep No.                    to me on                    . I will keep it in good working order and promise to return it at the end of the campaign to the President of the State Party for handing over to the General Secretary of the Party."

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