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Draft minutes of the meeting of the Central Parliamentary
Board held in New Delhi on December 10, 1966.

Present:

Prof. N. G. Ranga (in the Chair)
Prof. M. Ruthnaswamy
Mr. H.P. Mody
Mr. R.N. Singh Deo
Mr. Lakshman Singh of Dungarpur
Mr. B. P. Singh
Mr. G. Latchanna
Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel,
Mr. M.R. Masani

By Special Invitation

Mr. N. Dandeker
Mr. C. Rai
Mr. Vadilal Lallubhai

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

Arising out of the minutes the General Secretary reported on the position in Rajkot.

The Board reviewed the progress made with electoral understandings in various States and the recommendation of prospective Parliamentary candidatures received from State units.

KERALA

The Board had before it an agreement reached with the Kerala Congress. The General Secretary reported on the talk he had had with Mr. K.M. George a couple of days ago in the course of which Mr. George had confirmed that, notwithstanding the participation of the Kerala Congress in the proposed formation of the Jana Congress, the agreement providing that the Kerala Congress Members of Parliament would become Associate Members of the Swatantra Party in the Lok Sabha was not in any way affected and was confirmed. In the light of this clarification, the agreement was approved by the Board.

The Board approved of the nomination of Mr. ^{P.D.} Thomman as its Parliamentary candidate from Peermade parliamentary constituency.

The following Assembly candidates were nominated on the recommendation of the State Parliamentary Board of the Kerala Unit of the Party:

Trivandrum II	Kallara Sukumaran
Alleppey Town	Dr. M.S. Ramachandran
Nadapuram	Mohammed Shafee
Kondotty	N. Abdul
Kollengode	Dr. C.K. Nair

The Board considered the request made by Mr. K.M. George that P.D. Thomman, the Party's candidate in the Peermade Parliamentary constituency, should accept the Kerala Congress symbol but regretted its inability to accede to this request and decided that Mr. Thomman should stand on the symbol of the Swatantra Party.

BIHAR

The following prospective parliamentary candidates recommended by Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel were approved subject to the candidates so approved providing suitable names of Assembly candidates within their Parliamentary Constituencies for approval by the Central Parliamentary Board.

1. Siwan Parliamentary Constituency	- Mr. Laxminarayan Singh
2. Motihari	Mr. Sant Sewak Prasad
3. Khunti	Mr. Joseph Tigga
4. Gaya	Mr. S.A. Matin
5. Aurangabad	Mr. Ram Deni Singh

State Assembly

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Mr. Ramashray Singh

ORISSA

The General Secretary and the President of the State unit reported on the discussions with the Jana Congress. Mr. Masani placed before the meeting Mr. H.K. Mahtab's letter to him of December 7, 1966. In the light of these developments, the Board decided to authorise Mr. R.N. Singh Deo to resume negotiations with the Jana Congress so that the allocations of seats remaining still in dispute may be completed and a declaration made thereafter. The Board made it clear that, if the allocation of seats was not completed by the end of December at the latest, all talks should be abandoned and the Orissa unit should go full steam ahead to work for a majority by itself. Even in that case, if the Party failed to get a majority, talks for forming a coalition government could be resumed after the elections.

The Board then approved of the State President's proposal for a modification of the position in Balangir Parliamentary constituency and decided to nominate Raj Raj Singh Deo as prospective Parliamentary candidate with the following Assembly candidates:

Binka	Narsingcharan Mishra
Tusra	Radhamohan Mishra
Loisinga	Nandkishore Mishra, MLA
Bolangir	R.N. Singh Deo, MLA
Patnagarh	Ainthoo Sahu, MLA
Saintala	Ramesh Chandra Bhoi, MLA
Sonepur	Nilambar Rai Guru

The Board further decided to nominate Mr. Shashi Bhushan Satpati for Sambalpur Parliamentary constituency in place of Mr. Nikunja Behari Singh who had withdrawn his candidature for personal reasons.

The Board also nominated the following Parliamentary candidates:

Angul	Dhirendranath Deb in place of Mr. Harihar Patel, who had been nominated as an Assembly candidate.
Bhanjnar	Mr. Satyanarayan Padhi in place of Mr. Harihar Das who had been nominated as an Assembly candidate.

Appeals

The appeal preferred by Mr. Chaman Mahapatra and ^{Certain others} ~~that~~ in regard to the nomination of Mr. Nilambar Rai Guru from the Sonepur Parliamentary Constituency was considered. After Mr. R.N. Singh Deo explained the position, Mr. Mahapatra's appeal was turned down.

The complaint from Mr. Satyanarayana Jena and others against the nomination of Mr. Anirudha Dipa as the Party's prospective candidate from the Phulbani Parliamentary Constituency was considered. After some discussion, in the course of which Mr. R.N. Singh Deo explained the position, Mr. Satyanarayana Jena's complaint was rejected.

RAJASTHAN

The Board decided that, if Dr. L.N. Singhvi, sitting member for Jodhpur, agreed to the following conditions, the seat may be left for him to contest as an Independent: (a) He accepts the symbol of the Party, (b) he works in cooperation with the Assembly candidates of the Party, and (c) will look after the financing of the campaign for himself and the Assembly candidates of the Party, and (d) he agrees to join the Swatantra Party in the Lok Sabha, after election, as a Full or Associate Member.

The Board took note of the sad demise of the Raja of Poonch, the Party's prospective candidate for Alwar, and decided to await any further proposals that may be made by the State Parliamentary Board.

The Board decided to allow Mr. J.S. Lodha to stand as an Independent from the Bhilwara Parliamentary constituency, if he agreed to the following conditions: (a) He accepts the symbol of the Party, (b) he works in cooperation with the Assembly candidates of the Party, (c) will look after the financing of the campaign for himself and the Assembly candidates of the Party, and (d) he agrees to join the Swatantra Party in the Lok Sabha, after election, as a full or Associate member.

The appeal preferred by Mr. Kesar Lal, the Party's sitting M.P., against the nomination of Mr. Jai Narain Salodia from the Tonk Parliamentary Constituency was considered. The Board saw no reason to change its earlier decision nominating Mr. Salodia and rejected Mr. Kesar Lal's appeal.

U.P.

The following candidates were nominated:

Hapur Parliamentary Constituency - Kunvar Mohd. Naseem
Sitapur " " - Mr. Sattar Hussain Siddiqui

Note: The approval in regard to this constituency was made subject to no agreement being possible with the Jan Sangh in regard to the Assembly Constituencies within this Parliamentary Constituency.

Saharanpur Parliamentary Constituency - Mr. Gendra Ram Arya
(partly self-supporting)

Kairana Parliamentary Constituency - The Board would approve the nomination of Mr. Siddhanti if he agreed to be the Party's candidate. In the event of this not being found possible, Mr. Dandeker and Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh were given the option to approve an alternate candidate or to leave the constituency uncontested.

Muzaffarnagar

- Mr. K.K. Singh

Bulandshar

- Mr. Shankar Lal Shami

HARIYANA

The Board nominated Choudhury Inder Singh as the prospective Parliamentary candidate from Kaithal Parliamentary Constituency. Further nominations in Hariyana were held over pending discussions with the Jana Sangh for an electoral adjustment.

GUJARAT

The Board nominated Mr. Jantriabhai Bhondiabhai Misal as the Party's prospective Parliamentary candidate from the Dadra Nagar-Haveli parliamentary constituency.

In the absence of Shri Jaideepsingh of Baria, it was decided to hold over further consideration of the position in regard to Broach, Baroda, Amreli and Junagadh.

The General Secretary reported on the list of Assembly candidates and referred to the Board certain objections that had been received against the decisions of the State Parliamentary Board and also a difference of opinion in regard to the Anand Assembly constituency. After discussion, it was decided to withhold action on this in the absence of Gujarat representatives.

The General Secretary placed before the Board a letter he had received from the President of the Gujarat State unit suggesting that the entire funds that may be allocated for the Party's candidates in Gujarat should be handed over to the State unit for distribution at its discretion. After discussion, the Board regretted its inability to agree to this proposal and decided that the same procedure should be followed in the case of Gujarat as for the other States, namely, (a) the final decision re. allocation as between constituencies should be by the Centre but that the proposals of the State unit should be invited and should receive consideration, and (b) the funds should be remitted in suitable instalments to the candidate and the three-man campaign committees in the constituencies.

BOMBAY

The Board had before it the report of the Sub-Committee appointed by it to go into the question of the candidatures for the Bombay North-West and North-East Parliamentary Constituencies recommended by the Parliamentary Board of the Bombay Regional Unit.

After discussion, the Board decided that the following candidates should be nominated:

Bombay Central South Parliamentary Constituency - Mr. P.J. Shroff, on a self-supporting basis.
Bombay North East Parliamentary Constituency - Mr. Girish Munshi.
Bombay North West Parliamentary Constituency - Mr. Madhu N. Mehta.

In so far as the Assembly names recommended were concerned, it was decided that the General Secretary be authorised to approve of the names recommended in terms of an earlier decision of the Central Parliamentary Board that Assembly nominations could be accepted by the Central Office provided the nominations were unanimous and there were no disputes.

ANDHRA

The Board approved the recommendation of Mr. H.R. Sayaji Rao as the Party's prospective Parliamentary candidate from the Gudivada Parliamentary Constituency.

MADRAS

At this stage the Board invited Mr. S.S. Mariswamy, the General Secretary of the Tamil Nad Unit of the Party, to join the discussions. He reported to the Board on the agreement signed with the DMK in regard to the allocation of seats. Consequent to the agreement the Board withdrew the approval given by it earlier to Mr. V.S. Ramaswamy Iyengar from the Nagapattinam Parliamentary constituency since the Party will not be contesting this constituency.

The Board approved of the change of candidature in the Periyakulam Parliamentary Constituency and withdrew its recommendation of Mr. S. Kamaraja Pandian, replacing him by Mr. H. Ajmal Khan.

In this connection it noted that there was a dispute in regard to the North Madras and Salem constituencies which had already been approved by the Board earlier.

In this connection, the Board authorised Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, to approve on behalf of the Central Parliamentary Board, after obtaining the concurrence of the State Parliamentary Board, of all nominations to Parliament and State Assembly in Madras State.

MYSORE

The Board approved the recommendation made by the Parliamentary Board of the Mysore Unit of Raja Venkatappanaik as the Party's prospective Parliamentary candidate from the Raichur Parliamentary constituency.

The following Assembly nominations were also approved:

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| 1. Shahpur | - Raja Venkatappa Naik |
| 2. Manvi | - Kumar Naik |
| 3. Hosakote | - Channabyre Gowda MLA |
| 4. Shirahatti | - S.V. Kashimath MLA |
| 5. Sankeshwar | - C.A. Shirkoli |
| 6. Sindagi | - G.D. Patil, MLA |
| 7. Sadalga | - S.I. Chougale |
| 8. Chittapur | - Pampapathy Reddy |

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| 9. Santhemarahally | - M.D. Gurusiddiah |
| 10. Mudhol | - K.P. Nada Gowda |
| 11. Muddebihal | - S.C. Masali |
| 12. Huvinahippargi | - K.M. Hanchate |
| 13. Indi | - M.K. Surpur |
| 14. Varthur (R) | - H.V. Nanjiah |
| 15. Gulur | - C.N. Venkatanarasappa |
| 16. Chikkanayakanahalli | - P.C. Puttanna |
| 17. Gubbi | - R. Narasimiah |
| 18. Periapatna | - T. Chikkadevaraja Urs |

MAHARASHTRA

The following Assembly candidatures recommended by the Parliamentary Board of the Maharashtra State Unit were approved:

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| 1. Mawal | - S.V. Karve |
| 2. Aligab | - Shankerrao J. Patil |
| 3. Akalkot | - S.R. Mangrule |
| 4. Sholapur City | - C.M. Warad |
| 5. Karmal | - K.B. Randive |
| 6. Tuljapur | - D.S. Deshmukh |
| 7. Poona | - K.R. Koshti |
| 8. Sillod | - S.R. Patil |

MADHYA PRADESH

Bastar Parliamentary Constituency - The Board authorised the President, Prof. Ranga, the Jt. Secretary Mr. N. Dandekar and Mr. P.K. Deo to take a decision in regard to the Party's Parliamentary candidate and assembly candidates from the Bastar Parliamentary Constituency.

Bhind Parliamentary Constituency - The General Secretary, Mr. Masani, Mr. R.N. Singh Deo and Mr. N. Dandekar were authorised to take a decision in regard to the candidature of Mr. M.R. Singh of Bhadawar from the Bhind Parliamentary Constituency.

The following Assembly Candidatures recommended by Mr. N. Dandekar and the Indore Regional Unit of the Party were approved:

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| 1. Khilcipur | - Mr. Bansidhar Tiwari |
| 2. Indore No.4 | - Nandram Verma |
| 3. Dewas | - Mukdad Kazi |
| 4. Harda | - Ramakrishna Kashive |
| 5. Harsud | - Dr. Rajoria |
| 6. Pandhara (SC) | - Dr. Dalichand Chauhan |
| 7. Jabhua (ST) | - Moti Singh |
| 8. Jabat (ST) | - Gajraj Singh |
| 9. Alirajpur (ST) | - Bheema Natho |
| 10. Thandla (ST) | - Vestabhaga |
| 11. Petlawad (ST) | - Lala Lachman |

In so far as the Jabhua Parliamentary Constituency is concerned, the Board authorised Mr. N. Dandekar and Mr. Jaideepsinh of Baria to take a decision on its behalf.

In so far as the East Nimach Parliamentary Constituency is concerned, the Board authorised Mr. Dandekar to nominate Mr. N.C. Zamindar in case the latter desired to stand as the Party's candidate.

BOMBAY

Authority to allot symbols

The Board resolved that the General Secretary should be authorised to convey to the Election Commission and Electoral Officers and Returning Officer the names of one or two of the Party's leaders in the various State units who should be authorised to certify the Party's candidates for purposes of allotment of the Party's symbol.

Parliamentary Sub-Committee

The Board decided that the Parliamentary Sub-committee appointed and already in existence should be authorised to take all decisions on behalf of the Board between now and the General Elections.

Next meeting of the Central Parliamentary Board

The Board further decided that the next meeting of the Central Parliamentary Board should be held a week after the date of the declaration of results in the General Elections.

10-Minute Film

The General Secretary reported on the proposal to produce two films - a one minute film and a ten-minute film as part of the campaign. He further reported on the manner in which the Minister of Information and Broadcasting had sought to interfere with the production of the films by use of the censorship power in an unwarranted manner. The Board protested against this misuse of powers by a member of the ruling party, obviously in the interests of his own party, with the result that the production of the ten-minute film had to be abandoned. It decided that the General Secretary should write to the Prime Minister and the Home Minister protesting against this action and expressing the hope that one minute film that is being produced would not be prevented from being shown by misuse of the censorship powers.

The meeting then adjourned.

An adjourned meeting of the Central Parliamentary Board met on December 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Vithalbhai Patel Bhavan, New Delhi.

Present:

Prof. N.G. Ranga, (in the Chair)
Sir H.P. Mody
Mr. Lakshman Singh of Dungarpur
Mr. R.N. Singh Deo
Mr. B. P. Singh
Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel
Mr. G. Latchanna
Mr. M. R. Masani

By Special Invitation:

Mr. N. Dandeker
Mr. C. Rai
Mr. Vadilal Lallubhai
Mr. H. M. Patel

GUJERAT

The situation in Gujerat was discussed at length.

The Board took up for consideration the following appeals received from people expressing dis-satisfaction with the nomination of certain candidates by the State Parliamentary Board of the Gujerat Unit.

Sanand Assembly Constituency

At this stage, the Board invited a deputation from the constituency which had appealed against the recommendation of Mr. Dahyabhai B. Jadav by the State Parliamentary Board. After hearing them the Central Parliamentary Board regretted its inability to accept the nomination of the State Parliamentary Board of Mr. Jadav from the Sanand Assembly constituency and felt that Mr. P.R. Parikh, MLA, should be nominated in view of the fact that he is a sitting Member with a clean record. Moreover, it noted that the application from Mr. Jadav, who had joined the Party only recently, was received after the last date calling for nominations by the SPB had expired. In view of all this, the Board felt that the State Parliamentary Board, when it meets on the 17th, should consider this recommendation and expressed its desire that the candidate's appeal should be given due consideration and his nomination approved from the Sanand Assembly constituency. Further, the State Parliamentary Board should try to persuade Mr. Dahyabhai Jadav to stand from any other convenient constituency if such an effort is found to be advisable.

Jamnagar

A telegram from the Secretary of the Jamnagar District Unit and a letter from Mr. Mangalal Joshi, appealing against his not being nominated from the Jamnagar Assembly constituency was considered. Mr. Dandekar, the Party's prospective candidate from Jamnagar, explained the position. Thereupon, the Board turned down Mr. Mangalal Joshi's appeal.

Lunawada and Salia Assembly constituencies

The appeal preferred by M/s Chimanlal Vakil and Mr. Pratapsinh H. Patel against the recommendation of candidatures to the Lunawada and Salia Assembly constituencies by the State Parliamentary Board was considered. After hearing Mr. H.M. Patel's views on the matter, the Board turned down the appeals.

Chanasma Assembly constituency

The appeal preferred by Mr. Taljabhai Keshavbhai Desai against his not being nominated from the Chanasma Assembly constituency was considered. Mr. Vadilal Lallubhai stated that the prospective Parliamentary candidate from this constituency did not accept Mr. Taljabhai Desai's candidature. After discussion the matter, the Board turned down Mr. Taljabhai Desai's appeal.

Dabhoi Assembly constituency

The Board considered the appeal preferred by Mr. Kalidas I. Chauhan against his not being given the Party's nomination from the Dabhoi Assembly constituency and after hearing Mr. Vadilal Lallubhai's views, who mentioned that the Party's prospective Parliamentary candidate from Dabhoi did not approve of Mr. Chauhan's nomination, turned down the appeal.

Karjan Sinor Assembly constituency

The Board considered the appeal preferred by Mr. V.N. Parmar against his not being nominated from the Karjan Sinor Assembly constituency and heard Mr. Vadilal Lallubhai's views on the matter. Mr. Lallubhai mentioned that Mr. Prabhudas Patel, the prospective Parliamentary candidate from the Dabhoi Parliamentary constituency, of which Karjan Sinor was a constituent, did not approve of Mr. Parmar's candidature. In view of this, the Board turned down Mr. Parmar's appeal.

Dholka/Modasa Assembly constituency

The Board had before it Mr. Navin Patel's appeal against his not being recommended from either Dholka or Modasa Assembly constituencies. After discussion, the Board turned down Mr. Navin Patel's appeal.

Bawada Assembly constituency

The Board considered the appeal preferred by Mr. Gulabrai Maraiya against his not being given the Party's nomination from the Bawada Assembly constituency. After a discussion on the subject, the Board turned down the appeal.

The Board then took up for consideration certain Assembly nominations recommended by the State Parliamentary Board. The question of whether Mr. H.M. Patel should contest both the Parliamentary and Assembly seats was discussed at considerable length. Mr. H.M. Patel explained the reasons why he wished to stand for both Parliament and Assembly. After some discussion, in which both Mr. Lallubhai and Mr. Patel participated, the Board accepted the nomination of Mr. Patel for both Parliament and State Assembly.

It also approved of the nomination of the State Assembly candidates made by the Gujarat Parliamentary Board with the exception of Sapand (list attached).

The meeting then terminated.

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