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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PARLIAMENTARY BOARD
HELD AT 10.00 A.M. ON THURSDAY MAY 26-27 1966 in Bombay.

Present:

PROF. N. G. RANGA (In the Chair)
MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARI
MR. K. M. MUNSHI
PROF. N. RUTHNASAMY
SIR H. P. MODY
MR. LAKSHMAN SINGH OF DUNGAPUR
MR. R. N. SINGH DEO
MR. G. LATCHANNA
MR. B. P. SINGH
MR. JAIDEEPSINGH OF BARIA
MR. M. R. MASANI

MR. BHAILALBHAI D. PATEL) By special
MR. N. DANDEKAR) invitation

The minute. of the last meeting held in Madras on February 26 and 27, 1966, were confirmed.

Arising out of the minutes, the Board reviewed the recently concluded biennial elections to the Rajya Sabha and Vidhan Parishads. A note on the subject was circulated to Members (Annexure 'A').

The Board's attention was drawn to the fact that Dr. Beharilal Anantani, the Party's successful candidate to the Rajya Sabha from Gujarat, was able to secure 31 votes and that this was achieved by arriving at an understanding with the Independent Progressive Group led by Mr. Babubhai Vaidya, as the Party's strength in the State Assembly was less than the quota required. The General Secretary of the Gujarat State Unit had, with the concurrence of the Party's General Secretary, Mr. Masani, given an assurance that in return for the second preference votes of the Independent Progressive Group, the Swatantra Party would ensure the election to the Rajya Sabha in 1968 of Mr. Babubhai Vaidya, the leader of that Group. In this connection, Mr. Bhailalbhai D. Patel recalled the commitment made by him in 1962, with Dr. K. M. Munshi's approval, to Mr. Sumant Patel that, in return for certain assistance to the Party in the last General Elections, the Gujarat Unit would sponsor his candidature to the Rajya Sabha. He requested that this commitment should also be honoured by the Party. After discussing this matter, the Board decided that the commitment made on behalf of the Party to Mr. Babubhai Vaidya should be honoured and that he should be the Party's first candidate in the elections to the Rajya Sabha in 1968. In so far as Mr. Sumant Patel was concerned, the Board requested Dr. K. M. Munshi and Mr. Bhailalbhai D. Patel to get in touch with Mr. Sumant Patel and offer him the second candidature in 1970. The Board decided to take further decision in this matter on Sunday, May 29, 1966, after Dr. Munshi and Mr. Bhailalbhai Patel had an opportunity to talk to Mr. Sumant Patel.

The Board then heard a report on the efforts made to convene a joint meeting of the Parliamentary Boards of non-communist Opposition Parties as decided at the last meeting in Madras on February 26 and 27. A report of this, as well as the progress

made with electoral understandings with other Opposition Parties was circulated to members (copy attached 'Annexure B'). The Board noted that the attempt to have such a joint meeting in Delhi on May 8th, 1966, had to be postponed in the light of inadequate response from the invitees.

The Board heard a report on talks held by the President and General Secretary with the leaders of the Jan Sangh on 5th May 1966, as also the discussions of the General Secretary with the leaders of the Samyukta Socialist Party on February 23, 1966, and with the spokesman of the Hindu Mahasabha and the Republican Party. On the basis of the reports and the discussions that followed, the Board decided as follows:

- (a) that such bilateral talks should be pursued;
- (b) that, beyond pure electoral adjustments with non-Communist Opposition Parties of national status the possibility of arriving at united fronts should be ruled out and efforts at co-operation on the basis of financial commitments eschewed. The Board further decided that arrangements for understandings with national parties should be evolved at the national level and with State parties at State level.
- (c) In so far as arrangements at State level are concerned, the Board had no objection to State units entering into mutual assistance arrangements with State Parties and Groups.
- (d) While the Swatantra Party desired bilateral understandings, the specific ground rules mentioned in the note circulated were not found acceptable. State Units were left free to negotiate on the basis of mutuality. In the negotiations with other Opposition Parties, the policy should be one of double rejection, i.e. with the object of defeating the Congress but at the same time having no truck with Communists of either variety.

The General Secretary reported on correspondence with the leaders of the Kerala Congress. It was decided that he should reply to the letter from Mr. George saying that the Party would be glad to enter into discussions after the current discussions on similar lines between them and the official Congress Party had concluded.

The Board then reviewed the progress made by the Party's prospective Parliamentary candidates so far nominated. In this connection a report on Candidatures and Constituencies (copy attached - Annexure 'C') and a tabulated statement of disbursements to States for the period February 1965-April 1966 (Annexure D) were circulated.

While on the subject, the Board considered certain proposals made by the General Secretary on Organisation and accepted the following four proposals:

1. While full time Organisers at constituency level should continue to send their reports as at present simultaneously to the Central Office and the State Office, they should be placed from now on directly under the supervision and control of the candidate and the three-man committee in that constituency and should do their work in accordance with the instructions and directions of the candidate and the three-man committee, subject to the overall supervision of the State Office and the Central Office.
2. In view of the greater role that three-man committees in the constituency will have to play from now till the General Elections, State Units be requested to scrutinise the composition of the three-man committees in their respective States so that, wherever necessary, they may be reconstituted by agreement between the prospective Parliamentary candidate and the office-bearers of the State units concerned.
3. State units be requested, in order to ensure smoother coordination of work and greater dynamism at constituency level, to call joint meetings of prospective Parliamentary and

Assembly candidates, members of three-man committees and field organisers in their respective State units, at which the General Secretary or the Joint Secretary of the Party should be requested to be present or be represented.

4. State units be requested to take greater initiative than they have done so far in supervising the work of the Party's prospective candidates, three-man committees and full-time organisers in order to provide them with the necessary leadership direction and guidance.

Three additional proposals were accepted:

1. At the meeting of the three-man committees, two would form a quorum. However, the third member would have to be informed and his concurrence obtained when forwarding quarterly reports and Statements of Accounts.

2. In order to expedite the nomination of Assembly Candidates, the Board decided that when lists of candidates recommended with the requisite information sent for consideration by the Central Parliamentary Board were received, the Board would nominate a representative to visit the State and discuss the proposals with the State Parliamentary Board, candidates and others concerned. Where satisfied, the representative will be authorised to give approval on behalf of the Board. In other cases, the matter should be referred to the Central Parliamentary Board or the Parliamentary Sub-Committee for consideration.

3. In so far as the nomination of Scheduled Caste Candidates was concerned, it was felt that, for political reasons, the maintenance of secrecy was of considerable importance.

The Board took up for consideration recommendations of prospective Parliamentary and Assembly Candidates received from State Units and nominated the following as the Party's prospective candidates:

Rajasthan-1. Sawai Madhopur Parliamentary Constituency (S.T.)-
Mr. Mithalal.

An alternative name as dummy candidate will be sent later by the Rajasthan Parliamentary Board to be kept in reserve.

2. Jhunjhunu Parliamentary Constituency - Mr. Raghubir Singh of Bissau.

Uttar Pradesh 1. Farrukhabad Parliamentary Constituency -
Mr. Sayeed Mohammed Ahmed.

2. The Parliamentary Board further approved of the nomination of the following Assembly candidates from U.P.:-

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| 1. Bijnor | - | Mr. Nepal Singh Arya |
| 2. Sagri (Azamgarh) | | Mr. Syed Abdul Hassan |
| 3. Gopalpur (") | | Mr. Kamla Kant Singh |
| 4. Basti (Basti) | | Mr. Kashinath Bahadur Pal |
| 5. Vikram Joth (Basti) | | Mr. Surendra Pratap Narayan Pandey |
| 6. Chawankot (Garhwal) | | Mr. Rishi Vallabh Sunderyal |
| 7. Chandan (Aligarh) | | Mr. Shyam Lal Gaur |
| 8. Dariabad | | Mr. Brajeshwar Bali |
| 9. Sambhal | | Mr. Shafiq Ul-Rehman |
| 10. Thakurdwara | | Mr. Ranbir Singh |
| 11. Rae Bareilly | | Mr. Jageshwar Singh Arya |

The meeting then adjourned till 10.00 am on Sunday May 29, 1966.

The adjourned meeting of the Central Parliamentary Board met at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 29th May, 1966.

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MR. BHAILALBHAI D. PATEL) By special
MR. DAYABHAI PATEL) invitation

The Board received a report on the talks that Dr. K. M. Munshi and Mr. Bhailalbhai D. Patel had with Mr. Sumant Patel as also the letter of May 27 from Dr. Munshi to Mr. Sumant Patel embodying the arrangement arrived at, and approved of the following arrangement:

- (i) That its strength permitting, the Party would nominate Mr. Sumant Patel as the Party's second candidate in the elections to the Rajya Sabha in 1968.
- (ii) That in the event of our not having the strength necessary to elect two candidates, Mr. Sumant Patel should be the Party's first candidate in 1970.
- (iii) That the Party would be happy to nominate Mr. Sumant Patel as an Assembly Candidate to the Gujarat Assembly, if he so desires.

2. The General Secretary reported on the discussions he and the Joint Secretary had with Mr. H. M. Patel and reported that he and the Joint Secretary proposed to discuss various organisational and procedural issues with Mr. H. M. Patel. The Board expressed its satisfaction and accepted the General Secretary's suggestion that Mr. Patel should be invited to join the discussion when the General Secretary would report on these talks to the next meeting of the Central Parliamentary Board.

3. The General Secretary then reported on the useful meeting of Secretaries held that morning. He mentioned that some of the State Secretaries had felt that the procedure decided on by the Central Parliamentary Board at its meetings on May 26 to screen recommendations of Assembly Candidates might not in practice have the intended effect of expediting decisions on behalf of the Board. They therefore wished that the Central Office should have the discretion, where there were unanimous recommendations by State Parliamentary Boards and no appeals or objections were received, to obtain the approval of the Board or the Parliamentary Sub-Committee by circular as an alternative method of approval. The Central Parliamentary Board accepted this proposal.

The Board then continued with the consideration of recommendations of prospective Parliamentary Candidates from the State Units and nominated the following as the Party's prospective candidates:

MADRAS: (At this stage Mr. S. S. Mariswamy, General Secretary of the Madras Unit of the Party, was invited to join the discussion regarding recommendations received from the Madras Unit.) It was explained to the Board that, in view of the discussions proceeding with the D.M.K., it had not been found possible to make recommendations of Assembly candidatures in the Parliamentary Constituencies concerned. The following prospective Parliamentary Candidatures from the State were nominated:

1. Periakulam Parliamentary Constituency - Mr. SK: Pandyan
2. Nagapattinam Parliamentary Constituency - Mr. V.S.A. Iyengar
3. Tirunelveli Parliamentary Constituency - Mr. S. Xavier
4. North Madras Parliamentary Constituency - Dr. H.V. Hande
5. Salem Parliamentary Constituency - Mr. A. Subramaniam

The above recommendations were accepted on the basis of an arrangement arrived at with the D.M.K. and the assurance given by the General Secretary of the Madras Unit that there will be no difficulty with the D.M.K. in so far as these cases were concerned.

The Board in the light of special considerations obtaining in Madras State, authorised Mr. C. Rajagopalachari to carry on further negotiations with the D.M.K. and other Parties in Madras State.

ORISSA

1. Mayurbhanj Parliamentary Constituency - Mr. Sudir Chandra Mahji
The recommendation was actually an old one which had been returned earlier to the State Parliamentary Board for reconsideration since the State Parliamentary Board had on an earlier occasion recommended this as 'a provisional recommendation'.

2. Sambalpur - In so far as this Constituency was concerned, Mr. R. N. Singh Deo requested that some time limit be given to the S.S.P. for arriving at an understanding. The General Secretary undertook to write to the S.S.P. to hurry up with the arrangement specially in Orissa. The Board felt it was not advisable to specify any time limit.

MYSORE

Gulbarga Parliamentary Constituency - Mr. Mahantaswamy, M.L.A.

GUJERAT

Bhavnagar Parliamentary Constituency - Maharajkumar Shivbhadra Singhji

Although, apart from a letter of consent from the candidate recommended, the information called for in General Secretary's letter no. 97 was not given nor the names of Assembly Candidates, the Board accepted the General Secretary's recommendation in the light of the special circumstances of the case.

JAMNAGAR and SURENDRANAGAR

In so far as the recommendations in regard to Jamnagar and Surendranagar were concerned, Mr. Bhailalbhai D. Patel and Mr. Jaideepsinh of Baria agreed with the General Secretary that, since better candidates were being thought of, the recommendations should be returned for further consideration by the expanded State Parliamentary Board of the Gujarat Unit.

PANCHMAHALS (Godhra)

The General Secretary reported that, since he had decided to stand for election from Rajkot, the special arrangement made by the State Parliamentary Board at its meeting in Madras on June 4, 1965 was no longer necessary and that the matter was open for consideration by the State and Central Parliamentary Boards. He had thought of suggesting that Mr. Dandekar might be asked to consider standing from this constituency. Meanwhile, another name had been received from the State Parliamentary Board. It was agreed that the State Parliamentary Board should consider the matter and make a suitable recommendation.

JUNAGADH

Rajaji suggested that since action in regard to this constituency had been suspended, the possibility of the Party's sponsoring Mr. Raj Mohan Gandhi as an Independent candidate should be considered by the Gujarat State Parliamentary Board when reviewing the matter and making its final recommendations regarding this constituency. Mr. Bhailalbhair Patel and Mr. Jaideepsinhji promised to give consideration to this proposal.

BARODA and BROACH

The Board noted that no progress had been made in the matter of arriving at an agreed list of Assembly candidates in these two constituencies as decided by the Board at its last meeting. The Board decided to await the result of the proposed talks between the two candidates concerned and the State Parliamentary Board.

In response to a request for guidance in the matter of arriving at arrangements with State Parties beyond electoral adjustments, the Board decided that such an alliance could only be arrived at with the State Organisation concerned after the latter had openly declared its intention to align with us. In so far as a common programme for such an alliance was concerned, the Board felt that, while Swatantra Party's candidates for Parliament should be bound by the Party's Manifesto, candidates for the State Assembly might stand on a State Manifesto acceptable to other organisational partners provided such a Manifesto did not in any way conflict with the Party's National Manifesto.

Mr. Bhailalbhair Patel drew the attention of the Parliamentary Board to a report in a certain section of the Gujarat Press that Rajaji was scheduled to visit Baroda along with the President of the All India Muslim League. Since the report in question was incorrect, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari authorised the State General Secretary to contradict this report.

Mr. G. Latchanna drew the attention of the Board to the fact that the Party's symbol, 'Star' was being confused with that of the 'Flower' and the 'Sun' which appeared on the free list of symbols. The Board asked the General Secretary to write to the Election Commission requesting that either these two symbols should be dropped or suitable alterations made in them to prevent such confusion.

The Andhra Unit's recommendation of Mr. Divi Kondiah as the Party's candidate in elections to the Andhra Legislative Council in June 1966 was accepted by the Board.

The General Secretary reported that the General Elections were likely to be held between February 19 and 26, 1967.

The meeting then terminated.

May 24, 1966

REPORT ON RAJYA SABHA ELECTIONS

In accordance with the Central Parliamentary Board's decision, three Party candidates filed their nominations in the biennial elections to the Rajya Sabha. All three emerged successful.

2. Mr. Loknath Mishra, the retiring member from Orissa, was re-elected to the Rajya Sabha.

3. Mr. G. K. Sundaram was nominated from Madras. The Congress Party put up five candidates and the D.M.K. one. The D.M.K. and the Swatantra Party could return two candidates between them provided they secured an additional one or two independent votes. If the Congress had put up only four candidates, all six would have been returned uncontested. The Congress Party forced a contest by putting up an additional candidate. As a result, Mr. Sundaram topped the list with 31 votes, the D.M.K. candidate secured 30 votes, and the four Congress candidates lesser votes. The Congress Whip in the State Legislature, who was the fifth candidate, was eliminated.

4. Dr. Beharilal Anantani was elected from the Gujarat Assembly, securing the second largest number of votes. The Congress candidate secured 31 and Dr. Anantani 30. This result could only be achieved by arriving at an understanding with the Independent Progressive Group led by Mr. Babubhai Vaidya, as our Party's strength in the Assembly is less than the quota required. The General Secretary of the Gujarat State Unit consulted the General Secretary of the Party about the desirability of arriving at an understanding on lines somewhat similar to that reached in Rajasthan in order to secure Mr. Devi Singh's election to the Rajya Sabha and the General Secretary concurred in the arrangement proposed by the Gujarat Unit and gave an assurance that the Central Parliamentary Board would honour it. The arrangement proposed by the Gujarat General Secretary was that, in return for the second preference votes of the Independent Progressive Group, the Swatantra Party would ensure the election to the Rajya Sabha in 1968 of Mr. Babubhai Vaidya, the Leader of that group. That arrangement was carried out and this was confirmed in a letter from the Gujarat Unit General Secretary to the Party's General Secretary in a letter dated 1st April, 1966.

5. The Central Parliamentary Board had proposed that a fourth candidate, namely, Archarya J.B. Kripalani, should be sponsored by the Party in Uttar Pradesh. Unfortunately, it was not found possible to give effect to this proposal for reasons that have been mentioned in Mr. N. Dandekar's separate note on the subject which has been circulated to the members of the National Executive.

Report On Progress Made With Electoral Understandings With
Other Opposition Parties.

At its meeting in Madras on February 26 and 27, 1966, the Central Parliamentary Board took a decision that, in order to explore the possibilities of maximum cooperation between non-communist opposition parties and groups in connection with the General Elections next year, the Swatantra Party should take the initiative in inviting all such parties to participate in a joint meeting of members of their respective Parliamentary Boards for an exchange of views without any commitments whatsoever.

2. On March 2, 1966, letters of invitation to such a meeting were issued over the signature of the President and the General Secretary of the Party, to the following Organisations :

All India Bhartiya Jana Sangh
Praja Socialist Party
Samyukta Socialist Party
Hindu Mahasabha
All-India Muslim League
Republican Party
Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam
Kerala Congress
Akali Dal
Shiromani Akali Dal
Orissa Dissident Congress

3. When it was found that the response to these invitations was not very encouraging and that the majority of the Parties concerned had neither agreed nor declined to participate it was decided that invitations to a meeting on 8th May in New Delhi should be issued and a specific reply asked for. The net result of these efforts was that the S.S.P., the Hindu Maha Sabha, both wings of the Republican Party and the Akali Dal (Tara Singh Group) agreed to send representatives. The Praja Socialist Party asked to be excused. Despite telegraphic reminders, no replies could be elicited from the Jan Sangh, the Muslim League, the D.M.K., the Akali Dal (Sant Group), the Kerala Congress and the Orissa Dissident Congress.

4. It was decided by the President, the General Secretary and the Joint Secretary that, as this would not be a fully representative meeting, it should be postponed, and the parties concerned were informed accordingly.

5. Nevertheless, efforts at reaching bilateral electoral understandings with individual opposition Parties are being pursued and are reported on below :

Jan Sangh

6. The President and General Secretary, met Mr. Balraj Madhok, President and Mr. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, General Secretary of the Jan Sangh, in Prof. Ranga's room on 5th May, 1966, at 7:30 p.m.

7. The discussion was of a somewhat general and rambling nature. After explaining why they had hesitated to participate in the joint meeting of the members of Parliamentary Board which we had wished to call on 8th May and explaining

that a letter had been written to me offering to send an Observer (which letter has not yet come in), the Jan Sangh spokesmen reiterated their keenness that there should be a bilateral electoral understanding between the Jan Sangh and the Swatantra Party. We reciprocated this wish. We made it clear that such an understanding could only be at the national level and that it would not be feasible for the two Parties to cooperate in some States and to be at logger-heads in others. Mr. Madhok and Mr. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya agreed with this view.

8. The Jan Sangh' spokesmen's approach was that, rather than putting on paper a formal agreement between the two Parties, the Central Secretariat on both sides should push their State Units into taking the initiative and in moving ahead where an initiative has already been taken, as in UP, Gujerat and Rajasthan. In view of their reluctance to enter into a written agreement with guide lines and procedures laid down in advance, we agreed to this approach.

9. It was agreed that the two General Secretaries should exchange the names of one or two key personnel in each State who should be held out for such discussions and, on receipt of such names, each of them would write to their own people giving them the names of their counterparts on the other side so that discussions could start.

10. Wherever it was found that talks were not going smoothly, or were not making satisfactory progress, the Party Office Bearers should step in and act as guide or mediators.

11. When writing to the State's spokesmen, it should be made clear that they are not to publish any reports of the progress of the discussions in the Press but, that when conclusions are arrived at, they should be reported to the National Headquarters of their own respective Parties.

12. It was further agreed that there should be no Press publicity in regard to this particular discussion and other discussions and correspondence that may follow.

13. Accordingly, lists of one or two names of key people in each State were exchanged between the two General Secretaries and letters have issued from our Central Office to the persons concerned in each State giving them the names of their counterparts and requesting them to enter into or continue such discussion on the lines agreed upon between the two Parties.

Samyukta Socialist Party

14. On 23rd February, 1966, the General Secretary had a discussion with Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia and Mr. Ram Sevak Yadav, General Secretary of the S.S.P., when an attempt was made to arrive at certain principles and criteria in regard to adjustments between the two Parties.

15. The following points were tentatively agreed to as a basis for further discussion subject of course to approval by the respective Parties :

- (i) Wherever either Party had a sitting Member in the Lok Sabha or the State Assembly, that Party

should have the first option to nominate a candidate for that constituency ;

- (ii) Where neither Party had a sitting Member, then that party which polled a higher number of votes than the other should normally have priority ;
- (iii) (a) In accordance with formula (i) and (ii) above, the party concerned will desist from putting up a candidate;
- (b) Under no circumstances will either party help the ruling party's candidates.
- (iv) It is a matter for further consideration whether the two parties can go beyond this and agree that, while campaigning on their own platforms and in furtherance of their own programmes, each party should help the other in order to defeat the Congress in the General Elections.

Republican Party

16. Over the last few months, there have been discussions between the General Secretary and the spokesmen of the wing of the Republican Party led by Mr. Gaekwad. While originally the talks took place with Mr. Maurya, M.P., the final discussion was with Mr. Khobragade, the newly elected General Secretary of the Party. Mr. Khobragade reaffirmed his Party's desire to have an electoral understanding with the Swatantra Party. He further wished to know whether it would be possible for the two Parties to go a little beyond a mere electoral understanding by having a mutual assistance arrangement by which members of each Party would support the candidates of the other.

Hindu Mahasabha

17. Discussions have been proceeding between the General Secretary and Mr. B. C. Seth, M.P., on behalf of the Hindu Mahasabha. At the last meeting Mr. Seth mentioned that at the recent Annual Convention of their organisation in Gwalior he had been authorised to negotiate with our Party in regard to electoral adjustments and a mutual assistance arrangement. The Mahasabha was primarily interested in four states, namely, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat and Rajasthan.

18. The Mahasabha would be prepared to go beyond a mere electoral understanding. They would be prepared to consider their candidates taking the Swatantra Party symbol of the STAR and agreeing to join the Parliamentary and Assembly Parties as Associate Members, provided certain preconditions could be assured.

D.M.K.

19. Discussions with the D.M.K. have been conducted by Rajaji and his colleagues in Madras and it is understood that they are proceeding satisfactorily and have reached an advanced stage.

Kerala Congress

20. The Kerala Congress is keen on having an electoral understanding and a mutual assistance arrangement with our Kerala unit. They have suggested a meeting somewhere in the South in the next few weeks. At the same time there are repeated press reports of discussions proceeding between the official Congress Party and the Kerala Congress for a merger or a united front between them.

Orissa Dissident Congress

21. It is understood that this Group desires an electoral understanding with our Party in Orissa. There have been satisfactory discussions between the General Secretary and the Joint Secretary of our Party and the leader of the Group, and these negotiations are being pursued by the President of our State Unit.

Independent Progressive Group (Gujarat)

22. There have recently been some discussions between the General Secretary of our Party and Mr. Babubhai Vaidya, the leader of the Group. The Group would be prepared to enter into a mutual assistance pact with the Swatantra Party on the following basis :

(1) Those members of the Group who wish to join the Swatantra Party outright should be free to do so (Mr. Ratilal Ukabhai Patel, MLA, and Sardar Shivphadra Singh of Bhavnagar, MLA, have already exercised this option);

(2) There should be an electoral understanding in regard to constituencies between the two Organisations ;

(3) The candidates of the Independent Progressive Group would use the symbol of the STAR and the Swatantra Party would assist the candidates of the Group.

23. The President of the Gujarat State Unit has approved of the basis of this arrangement and it is now for the Gujarat State Unit and the I.P.G. to negotiate the details.

Annexure 'C'

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SWATANTRA PARTY

Tabulated Statement of Prospective Parliamentary Candidates

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State	Constituency	Prospective Candidate	Date of Nomination	Assistance from	Total Remittance as of April 1966
Andhra	Chittoor	Prof. N.G. Ranga	14-3-65	1-4-65	Rs 13,000.00
1.					
2.	Rajampet	C.L. Narasimha Reddy	14-3-65	1-6-65	Rs 11,000.00
3.	Anakapalle	V.V. Ramanna	4-6-65	1-8-65	Rs 9,000.00
4.	Tirupachy Tirupachy	Siddaya Murthy	4-6-65	1-10-65	Rs 7,000.00
5.	Srikakulam	-----		1-7-65	Rs 10,000.00

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3.	Anakapalle	V.V. Ramanna	4-6-65	1-8-65	Rs 9,000.00
4.	Tadipatri	Siddayya Murthy	4-6-65	1-10-65	Rs 7,000.00
5.	Srikakulam	-----	1-7-65		Rs 10,000.00

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6	Parvathi puram	V. Narasimha Dora	21-7-65	1-8-65	Rs. 9,000.00
7.	Aurriool	X. G. Goud	28/8/65	1-11-65	Rs. 6,000.00

Position Regarding Reports and Accounts

Reports and Accounts upto April 1966 received. The Reports and Accounts of the first two quarters received only in March. While Mr. Dora shows an awareness of the need for a well-conceived programme of work, the first report is vague, the second one disappointing. The third one is an improvement but not satisfactory enough and shows gaps. Accounts show that a little over 50% is spent on Asst. Organisers. The programme laid down for them looks good and likely to pay good dividends, if followed. The report, however, is generally silent about their activity. Accounts satisfactory.

A consolidated report and statement of accounts for the period ending March 31, 1966 received. The well-drafted report shows good activity. Mr. Goud also has the sound practice of keeping the Central Office regularly informed about his activities. Accounts satisfactory, but both the Report as well as the statement of Accounts signed only by two members.

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ORISSA					
1.	Kajalandi	P. K. Deo	30-9-64	1-1-65	Rs.16,000.00
2.	Bolangir	N. K. Mishra	29-12-64	1-2-65	Rs.15,000
3.	Bhubaneswar	Dr. N.C. Sementsinhar	29-12-64	1-5-65	Rs.12,000.00
4.	Keonjhar	Gurucharan Naik	29-12-64	1-2-65	Rs.15,000.00

Position Regarding Reports and Accounts

Reports upto March 30, 1966 received, but accounts for Jan-March 1966 quarter not yet received. Earlier reports were brief and inadequate and on being pointed out the latest report is satisfactory. It shows activity and useful work. Reports are signed and submitted only by Mr. B.K. Deo, a member of the three-men Committee. Mr. P.K. Deo and the third member have not signed them. During 1965, out of Rs.12,000, the amount spent on jeeps is Rs.7,233.

Report and Accounts upto January 31, 1966, received. Reports indicate that Mr. Mishra has a flair for activity. Reports are detailed and informative. The proceedings of the three-men Committee show that they are alive to the need for a well conceived and systematic approach. Sizeable amounts spent on newspaper i.e. Rs.2,230.00 out of Rs.9,000.00. This has been pointed out and clarifications called for.

Reports and Accounts upto Jan. 31, 1966 received. The last report shows that Dr. Sementsinhar has considerably stepped up his activities. The reports, on the whole show good work. Large amounts spent on jeep i.e. Rs.3,716/- out of Rs.9,000/-. This has been pointed out.

After great delay a report was received which was unsatisfactory. Returned to Mr. Naik for resubmission with details. No response until the end of April 30 despite letter warning suspension. Assistance suspended from May.

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5.	Sundergarh	Debarana Amat	29-12-64	1-2-65	Rs 15,000.00
6.	Udtrapur	Yatiraj Praharaj	15-1-66	1-3-66	Rs 2,000.00
7.	Banjanagar	Hari Hara Das	14-3-65	1-6-65	Rs 11,000.00
8.	Phulbari	Anirudha Dipa	1-10-65	1-11-65	Rs 6,000/-

Position Regarding Reports and Accounts

Only Accounts for the period ending 31st Dec. 1965 received. Out of Rs.11,000.00 sent upto Dec.31, only Rs.9,000.00 have been accounted for. Accounts are detailed but relevant breakdowns of monthly expenses are not given and hence assessment difficult. No reports so far despite reminders and a letter warning aid suspension. Aid suspended from May.

Reports and Accounts due in June.

Reports upto January 30, 1966 and Accounts upto February 28, 1966 received. Reports reveal lack of proper planning and organising. Mr. Das and his organiser not pulling together; lack of co-ordination, duplication of work. No harmony within three-man Committee. Out of Rs.9000/-, more than Rs.3,000/- spent on a jeep. Scope for improvement and stream-lining.

Dec. 1965 - Feb. 1966 report is brief giving an outline of the activities. Nonetheless reveals useful work combining public relations with active campaign and organisational work. Accounts sketchy. Report and statement of accounts silent regarding Nov.1965, from which month assistance started. Report signed by two members while the statement of accounts signed by Treasurer alone.

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9.	Angul	Harri Har Patel	21-10-65	1-11-65	Rs. 6,000.00	Accounts for November 1965 - Jan. 1966 quarter received unaccompanied by report. Proceedings of the three-man Committee show that the Committee met once in Nov. 1965 - Jan. 1966 quarter and once in Feb. - April 1966 quarter, on both occasions towards the end of the quarters, while actually they should have met several times. This would seem to indicate that no advance programme of action is chalked out. Accounts sketchy.
10.	Howrangpur	Isachman Pujhari	22-3-66	1-4-66	Rs. 1,000.00	Assistance began from April 1966
11.	Mhadrak	Brindabandas	"	"	"	" " " "
12.	Koraput	Dumba Soboro	"	"	"	" " " "
13.	Dherkanal	K. P. Singh Deo	24-3-66	"	"	" " " "
14.	Jamshedpur	"	"	"	"	" " " "
15.	Mayurbhanj	"	"	"	"	" " " "

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GUJARAT	Anand	Bhallal bhai Patel	14-3-64	1-7-64	Rs 22,000
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2.	Tolad	Lalit Patel	29-6-64	1-7-64	Rs 22,000
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Position regarding Reports and Accounts

Reports upto the period Feb.15, 1966 and accounts upto Jan. 30, 1966 received. The report is a tour diary of Mr. B.D. Patel and therefore more a report of his activities rather than of the nursing work in Anand. By virtue of his position in the Party he is more often than not outside the Constituency. Hence difficult to assess the nursing work from his tour diary. No indication of the three-man committee ever having met. One member deserted to the Congress. Accounts list the disbursements made to various people. How they spent these amounts is not indicated. Accounts signed by 2 members only. The report, being Mr. Patel's tour diary, is naturally signed by him alone.

After receiving Rs.19,000 and repeated reminders and withholding of remittance for February 1966, Mr. Patel sent apologies and reports and Statements of Accounts in February 1966. The reports cover June 1965 - Feb. 1966. No report for the earlier period July 1964 - May 1965. Accounts cover July 1964 - Nov. 1965. No accounts for the later period. The first two reports, about half a page each, lists places visited and state the number of days of touring. The Dec. 1965 - Feb. 1966 report is an improvement. No accounts disbursements to each Assembly Constituencies. Reports signed by Mr. Patel alone. The 3-man Committee never seems to have met till January 1966.

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3.	Wach	Himmat-Singhji	29-6-64	1-4-65	Rs.13,000.00
4.	Paira	Pravinsinh Solanki	6-9-64	1-1-65	Rs.16,000.00

Position Regarding Reports and Accounts

Ever since assistance began only Accounts for April - Dec. 1965 period signed by the Field Organiser have been received. No reports so far. Finally informed candidate that assistance will be withheld if reports do not reach by May 20.

Reports upto March 30, 1966 and Accounts upto December 30, 1965 received. Both Report as well as Accounts sketchy. Under the head "Salary" Rs.2025 out of Rs.3000 shown in October - December 1965 period, without giving details. Accounts for other quarters also similarly show such heavy amounts under that head. Since there is a full time organiser provided, this is difficult to understand.

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5	Rajkot	P. P. Masani	14.3.65	1.5.65	Rs. 12,000	Reports and Accounts for May - Oct. 1965 period received. Report and Accounts for the Nov. 65-January 1966 not received while those for the Feb-April 1966 quarter are due. A major portion of the first two reports relates the Field Organisers activities during the period. The three-man committee met twice only during these 3 months. The other members of the three-man committee do not figure anywhere in the report except as signatories. Mr. Masani's own printed reports to his constituents show considerable and sustained activity but this is not reflected in any parallel activity by the Party as reported.
6.	Sabarkantha			1.7.65	Rs. 10,000	No reports or Accounts so far.
7.	Banaskantha	Mannu Amersey	23.7.65	1.12.65	Rs. 4,000	The Dec. 1965-Feb. 1966 Report and Statement of Accounts are illegible handwritten carbon copies. The report is brief and sketchy. Accounts satisfactory.
8.	Mandvi	Rev. Choudhri	28.8.65	1.11.65	Rs. 6,000	Reports and Accounts for the Nov. 65-Jan. 1966 period received. Both satisfactory.

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9	Patan	Deviyabhai Parmar	31.10.65	1.12.65	Rs. 5,000
10	Mehsana	Ramachandira Amin	31.10.65	1.12.65	Rs. 5,000
11.	Junagadh		1.2.66	1.2.66	Rs. 3,000
12.	Panchratals (Godhra)	No candidate	-	1.6.64	Rs. 17,000

Position regarding Reports & Accounts

Reports and accounts for Dec.65-Feb.66 are due. Reminded.

Reports and Accounts sketchy and inadequate. Mr. Amin not taking sufficient initiative. Work not satisfactory enough. Great scope for improvement and stepping up activities. Accounts show disbursements to various Assembly Offices.

Report for Feb. April 66 quarter due.

This seat has been nursed without any candidate according to the decision of C.P.B. on June 4th 1965. Assistance started in June 1964. From June 64 to May 65 the assistance was Rs. 500 p.m. and from June 1965 it was raised to Rs. 1,000. After considerable pressure a Statement of Accounts for Rs.15,000 for the period ending Dec. 31,65 was received in February 1966 after assistance for February was suspended. No Report for the said period. No Reports or Accounts for Jan-March 66 quarter either. The Accounts for June 64 to Dec 65 period is rather sketchy. The Office rent of Rs. 1083.75 for six months seems comparatively speaking, to be on the high side. In the absence of a candidate, the committee consists only of two members.

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13	Baroda			May 1966	
14	Broach			May 1966	
U.P. 1.	Domariaganj	Mr. S.B. Singh	29.6.64	1.12.64	Rs. 17,000
2.	Jaleeswar	Rao Krishna Pal Singh	30.9.64	1.6.65	Rs. 11,000
3.	Kaiserganj	Mr. Basant Kumar Bn	30.9.64	1.10.65	Rs. 7,000
4.	Sahaswan	Meer Sarwal Ali	28.8.65	1.12.65	Rs. 4,000

Position regarding Reports & Accounts

Assistance started from May 1966.

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Reports and Accounts for the period upto Dec.1965 received. Both sketchy and brief; nonetheless reveal good work. Accounts indicate a sense of economy.

A consolidated Report and Accounts for the period June-Dec 1965 and another for Jan-March 1966 received. The reports are sketchy and indicate little activity on the part of Rao Krishna Pal Singh. Accounts extremely sketchy and include repayment of old loans. The first accounts show that a lion's share of the grant disbursed to three people (including Mr. Singh) without details. Aid was once suspended but has been resumed.

No reports or Accounts so far ever since remittance began in Oct.1965. Does not even acknowledge receipt of remittances. Aid suspended.

Dec.1965-Feb.1966 Report or Accounts not received so far. U.P. Office report on the constituency does not give an encouraging picture of the nursing activities.

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5.	Mainpuri	Veerendra Puri Yadav	28.8.1965	1.12.65	Rs. 4,000	Statement of Accounts for the Dec. 65-Feb.66 quarter received along with Accounts sketchy.
6.	Ghazipur	Trivikram Narain Singh	28.8.65	1.12.65	Rs. 4,000	Report for Dec 1965-Feb 1966 quarter received. Report satisfactory.
7.	Gonda	Kaushalendra Dutt Ram	25.3.66			Assistance commenced from May.
8.	Etawah	A.C. Modvel	25.3.66			Assistance commenced from May.
9.	Moradabad	Maulana Muzaffar Hussain	25.3.66			Assistance not begun yet.
Rajasthan	1. Deusa	Chitrenjit Rai	4.6.64	1.1.66	Rs. 4,000	Report and accounts for the Jan-March 1966 quarter overdue.
	2. Pali	Chinan Singh of Chanoor	29.6.64	1.4.65	Rs. 13,000	After more than a year of assistance the Central Office is absolutely in the dark about Pali. No Reports or Accounts so far. Reminded thrice; but no response. Assistance suspended since Feb.1966; still no reaction. A letter has gone asking him to explain the position before May 20. Calls for special attention from the Central Parliamentary Board.

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3.	Jalpur	Maharani Gayatri Devi	14.3.65	1.4.65	Rs.15,000	Assistance started in April 1965. But the first report covers for the June-Oct 1965 period. The report reveals that this is because there was no activity in April and May 1965. As for the report itself a major portion consists of what could not be done and suggestions to Central Office regarding publicity material. What has been done occupies very little space. The report reveals unsatisfactory activity. The Maharani toured her constituency for three days towards the end of the five-month period and has submitted a report. The subsequent Nov.65 Feb.66 report, showing little activity, does not show that her report was acted upon. June-Oct 66 accounts satisfactory but out of Rs.7,000, only Rs. 3,243 have been spent. No accounts for Nov.65-Feb.66 period.
4.	Barmer	Tan Sinbaj		1.10.65	Rs. 7,000	Reports and Accounts upto March 1966 received. Reports vague. Accounts satisfactory. They reveal that there has been very little activity during Nov.65 and Feb.66.
5.	Tonk	Jai Narain Salodia	24.3.66			Assistance not yet started.
6.	Chittor	H.H.Narwarth Lexmansingh				Assistance not yet started.

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Mysore 1.	Udipi	J. N. Lobo <u>Udipi</u>	28.8.65	1.11.65	Rs. 6,000
2	Hassan	Mugund Shivappa	27.2.66	1.5.66	
<u>Maharashtra</u> 1.	Buldana	V. N. Patil	31.10.65	1.12.65	Rs. 5,000

Position regarding Reports & Accounts

Reports and Accounts upto March 1966 received. The first report was extremely short. The subsequent report however was a better one and shows satisfactory activity. Accounts satisfactory.

Assistance started from May 1966.

Reports and Accounts for Dec 1965 received. Report sketchy but reveals activity. An interesting aspect is that the Organiser was appointed in Jan 1966 but He has asked me for leave from the month of February and is not on duty since then. Mr. Patil never cared to write to the Central Office. This was discovered from his report received later. Accounts satisfactory.