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MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of the Party was held this morning (9.-- o'clock) in the Opposition Members Room, Central Hall, Parliament House, New Delhi.

The following members were present:

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| 1. Prof N.G. Ranga (In the Chair) | 8. Maharani Gyatri Devi |
| 2. Mr Dhayabhai V Patel | 9. Mr Tan Singh |
| 3. Mr S.S. Mariswamy | 10. Mr Krishanpal Singh |
| 4. Mr Ram Singh | 11. Mr Devi Singh |
| 5. Mr L.N. Misra | 12. Mr P.K. Deo |
| 6. Mr Sunderamani Patel | 13. Mr Kapur Singh |
| 7. Mr P.H. Bheel | |

Mr P.K. Deo was chosen to speak on the cease-fire resolution. The Leader may choose to speak at a later stage if time permits.

The Private Members' resolution regarding India's withdrawal from the Commonwealth was discussed. It was agreed that we may complain that Britain has played a partisan role in the present Indo-Pakistan conflict. In spite of obvious aggression from Pakistan, British Government and the British Press have supported Pakistan and condemned India. However, such an extreme step as withdrawal from the Commonwealth will not serve any national purpose.

The Leader suggested the members that in the proposed committee of Members of Parliament regarding Punjabi Suba, one of our 3 Akali members, besides one member from the Party, may be welcomed to represent us, if asked by the Speaker.

It is likely that the leaders of various groups are called frequently by the Prime Minister for consultation. Prof Ranga said whenever it would not be possible for him to come to Delhi he should have the freedom to nominate any senior member on behalf of our Party to attend such a meeting. These were agreed to.

A reference was made to some members having signed the appeal to Government for Atom Bomb production and the Leader advised members that whenever any such move is made by anyone of the other political parties, he should be consulted before our members commit themselves; especially would it be so in regard to issues on which there are no definite resolutions by the Party's National Executive or advice from the Central Office.

Members of the Party were requested to contribute Rs 20.--
to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Potrait Committee.

Members were also requested to contribute about Rs 40 to 50 to the Jawans Welfare Fund.

Prof. Ranga expressed his gratitude to members for their cooperation.

The meeting adjourned with a vote of thanks to the Chair.