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GENERAL SECRETARY'S LETTER NO. 114

Dear Friend,

It has been decided at the instance of our President, Prof. Ranga, that Sunday the 20th February 1966 should be observed by the Party throughout the country as "Anti Excessive Taxation Day".

The idea behind this move is to focus the attention of the people on the almost unbearable tax burden that keeps mounting from day to day.

While we shall in the next few days send some material and talking points for use, would you kindly take in hand immediately preparations for observing that day at various centres in your State by convening public meetings, organising processions and publishing leaflets? A suggested list of demands which you may consider for popularising in this connection is attached herewith for your consideration. You may amend it conforming with local requirements in whatever manner you consider desirable.

If you should bring out leaflets in the local languages for explaining and popularising these demands, the Central Office would be glad to pay the printing bills aggregating in all not more than Rs. in order to be of some help to you.

Will you kindly let us know what steps your State unit is taking in preparation for February 20, 1966?

Yours truly,

(M.R. Masani)
General Secretary

ANNEXURE

LIST OF DEMANDS

1. No additional taxation in the forthcoming Union Budget.
2. No enhancement in the Land Revenue and no additional cesses.
3. Elimination of central excise on
 - a) Kerosene
 - b) Bidis
 - c) Tobacco stems and powder
 - d) Beate nut
 - e) Sugar
 - f) Cloth

all of which form part of the poor man's budget.

4. Drastic reduction of direct taxation on middle class people (having income upto Rs.25000/- per annum)
5. Relaxation of Gold Control Order.
6. Removal of restrictions on the movement of foodgrains from zone to zone and district to district and of all controls over distribution of foodgrains throughout the country.
7. Scrupulous avoiding of all inflationary policies which push up prices.