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Central Parliamentary Sub-Committee Circular No.7/65

Dear Friend,

The Parliamentary Board of the Gujarat Unit of the Party has recommended Mr. Viren J. Shah, a note about whom is attached, as the Party's prospective parliamentary candidate from the Somnath Parliamentary Constituency in Junagadh district.

The name was not brought up at the last meeting of the Central Parliamentary Board in New Delhi on October 31, since various preliminaries in connection with the candidature had not been completed.

I am glad to say that :

- a. Mr. Viren J. Shah has visited the constituency, met our workers and has written accepting to be the Party's candidate
- b. The workers of the Party in the Constituency are happy with the choice and the District has endorsed the Gujarat Parliamentary Board's nomination.

In the light of the above, and my knowledge of Mr. Shah over a period of years, I recommend that the Sub-Committee accept the nomination of Mr. Viren Shah as the Party's prospective candidate from the Somnath Parliamentary Constituency.

In order to avoid further delay in the work of nursing his constituency I shall be grateful if you will kindly signify your approval of this nomination by December 7, 1965. If I do not hear from you to the contrary by that date I shall take it that you approve of the nomination.

Yours sincerely,

(M. R. Masani)

General Secretary

Mr. Viren J. Shah

Biographical particulars

AGE: 39 years old

Vice-Chairman - Mukand Iron & Steel Works Ltd., Bombay

Chairman of the Steel Re-rolling Association of India

Non-official member of the Maharashtra State Advisory Council of Industries

Member of the Technical Committee on Association of re-rolling capacity
Committee member of Indian Merchants' Chamber and

The All India Manufacturers' organisation
Director of a few other companies.

Mr. Viren Shah hails from a well known family in Saurashtra. His father a pioneer of the Aluminium industries was a staunch nationalist and an associate of Gandhiji and Sardar Patel.

Mr. Viren Shah was educated at Hansraj Morarji Public School, Bombay and later at the Wardha College of Commerce at Wardha.

Took management course of the American Management Association, New York and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, U.S.A.

Mr. Viren Shah is a good speaker. Mr. Shah was locked out of the Commerce College in Wardha along with the rest of its students in the hectic days following the launching of the 1942 "Quit India" movement.

Mr. Shah interested himself in the liberation of Junagadh. He was one of the secretaries of the Junagadh Rajya Praja Mandal.

The Somnath Parliamentary Constituency for which he has been recommended in Junagadh district.