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GENERAL SECRETARY'S LETTER NO.110

Dear Friend,

The Central Parliamentary Board and National Executive of the Party met in New Delhi on October 31 and on November 1 and 2 respectively. Apart from the Resolutions adopted by the National Executive, there are several decisions which need your Unit's attention and follow-up action.

Central Parliamentary Board.

Appeal for support to Prospective Candidates:

While discussing the work of the Party's prospective candidates already in the field, a suggestion was made that the Party should appeal to the people in constituencies where prospective candidates have been nominated to support the Party's candidates. Since the question whether or not to publicise the names of the candidates had been left to State Units in the light of circumstances obtaining in the respective states in general and in the constituencies in particular, it was agreed that the suggestion should be conveyed to State Units that they should, if they found it helpful, issue such appeals in the name of the Party. This means that wherever a prospective candidate in your State has been nominated and both the Unit and the candidate himself see no objection to publicising this fact, your Unit is welcome to appeal to the people of that constituency to extend their support to the candidate concerned.

National Executive.

Next National Convention:

The National Executive discussed the time and venue of the next National Convention of the Party. It was agreed that there should be one Convention between now and the next General Elections and that it should be held in October or November next year (1966).

The Bombay City and Gujarat Units of the Party have already extended their invitation to hold the Convention in either Bombay City or in Gujarat. Before a final decision in regard to the venue is taken, it was felt that other Units of the Party should be given an opportunity to consider inviting the Convention to be held in their State and the Central Office will welcome any suggestions that State Units may have in this connection.

Next General Council meeting:

In the intervening period, the National Executive decided that a meeting of the Party's General Council should be convened. The time and place of the meeting will be intimated in due course.

Dissolution of District, Constituency or Taluka Committees:

Arising from a reference made by one of our Units seeking the Executive's guidance in regard to the competence of a State or regional Committee to dissolve a Constituency Committee which either does not function, or functions unsatisfactorily, the Executive decided to give State Units the right to dissolve Committees at the District, Constituency or Taluka level which do not function or which have ceased to be representative of the Party's active members.

While in regard to Constituency or Taluka committees, the decision of the State Committee would be final, a District Committee so dissolved would have the right of appeal to the National Executive if it felt aggrieved over the decision, in which event the decision to dissolve the Committee would remain suspended.

Removal of Office-Bearers at the District Constituency or Taluka level:

In regard to a further enquiry as to the individual Office Bearers of the Party at the Constituency or Talika levels, the National Executive authorised the State Committee to remove from office such Office Bearers as are not working satisfactorily whether at the District, Constituency or Taluka levels. While the decision of the State Committee would be final in regard to such decisions at the Constituency or Taluka levels, Office Bearers at the District level would have a right of appeal if they felt aggrieved in which case their removal from office would not be operative pending the disposal of the appeal.

Resolutions and Decisions:

After full discussion the Party's National Executive adopted Resolutions on -

- a. The Economic Situation
- b. Foreign Policy in the context of the recent conflict with Pakistan.
- c. Review of Detention cases, and
- d. Exploitation of the present crisis.

Two other decisions -

- a. On the manufacture of nuclear weapons and
- b. On States' Rights were adopted. (Copies of the Resolutions and decisions enumerated above are attached herewith).

I draw your particular attention to the two major resolutions on Economic Problems and the Indo-Pakistan Conflict which need to be publicised widely in your State. For its part, the Central Office will arrange for the printing and distribution of these Resolutions in the various languages as part of its publicity programme as expeditiously as possible. In the meanwhile, meetings should be convened at various levels to explain the position and the Party's policies on these vital issues to our workers and to the people.

Yours sincerely,

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