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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR
THE STATE OF BIHAR HELD ON MAY 8, 1965 AT 3 P.M. AT THE
PALACE HOTEL, PATNA.

Present:

Mr. M.R. Masani (in the Chair)
Mr. Dahyabhai Patel
Mr. N. Bakshi
Mr. Ram Binod Singh
Mr. Jaleswar Prasad
Mr. Maheshwar Prasad Narain Sinha
Mr. Budhan Rai Verma
Mr. J.N. Sah Deo
Mr. Zakir Ali Iraqi
Mr. Harischandra Mishra
Mr. Harihar Prasad Singh
Mr. Rash Behari Lal
Dr. M.A. Azazi
Mr. S.A. Choudhury
Mr. Kamleshwari Prasad
Mr. Brahmanand Singh
Mr. Yadunandan Pandey
Mr. D.N. Tewari
Mr. S.V. Raju
Mr. S. Wahab Azad

By Special Invitation

Mr. Narbadeshwar Tewari
Mr. Chandrika Singh.

The Minutes of the last meeting held on January 8, 1965 were confirmed.

Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel reported on his two tours of certain districts in North Bihar and in Chota Nagpur and his impressions of the tour.

The meeting then took up for consideration the progress made with the enrolment of workers, district by district. A statement of enrolment districtwise is attached.

District Organisers who were present at the moment were requested to submit a report of the work being done in their districts and those where progress was not satisfactory were requested to make greater efforts.

Mr. S.A. Aziz was appointed as the Party's Hon. District Organiser for Champaran District.

Mr. Maheshwar Prasad Singh, who is the Party's Hon. District Organiser in Muzaffarpur, was requested to help Mr. Harischandra Mishra in developing the Party's work in Darbhanga. Mr. M.P.N. Sinha agreed to the request.

Mr. Zakir Ali Iraqi requested that no one from the Central Office or from the Branch Office had as yet visited Purnea. Mr. Budhan Rai Verma was requested to visit that District as soon as possible.

In the light of the enrolment, the issue of holding Party elections in the State was discussed.

It was noticed that 43 Constituencies had qualified to hold elections of Constituency Committees. These Constituencies were therefore instructed to hold elections between May 15 and June 15.

The District Organisers in each district would be present as observers at meetings of the Party's workers to elect Constituency Committees. However, every such meeting should elect from among themselves a person to conduct the proceedings other than the Hon. District Organiser.

The only District that had qualified to hold elections at the District level being Ranchi, elections should be held there for a District Committee by June 30.

The Central Office will appoint Presiding Officers to conduct meetings to elect District Committees.

Insofar as elections to other Constituencies and districts are concerned, the following decisions were taken:

Elections at Constituency level will be held as and when a Constituency completes the minimum enrolment of workers and is authorised to do so by the Central Office (Bihar Branch).

Elections at the District level will be held as and when a District is able to have elected Constituency Committees in half or more of the Constituencies comprising the District.

Elections at the State level will be considered as and when half or more of the total number of District comprising the State are able to have elected District Committees. In this connection Patna Town will have the status of a District for purposes of Party organisation.

/in Hindi The Branch Office was asked to circulate to districts immediately the procedure for Party elections as approved by the Central Office.

A suggestion made that members of the Advisory Committee should be available for addressing meetings and for general Party work in various parts of the State was commended and members agreed to make themselves available if invited to a particular district.

Mr. Maheshwar Prasad Narain Singh then brought to the notice of members present a rumour that certain Members of Parliament from Bihar who had left the Party were seeking to re-enter the Party's Parliamentary Group. He expressed the view that under no circumstances should such members be permitted to re-enter the Party unconditionally. The least that they should do is first to tender a written apology for their conduct.

Mr. N. Baksi supported Mr. Sinha's view and said that any attempt to take back the Members of Parliament without a categorical apology duly published in Bihar would undo all the progress made with reorganisation of the Party along democratic lines and would demoralise the Party's genuine supporters in the State.

There was a consensus in support of this view.

The view was expressed that meetings of the Advisory Committee should be held, if possible, once a month!

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Committee at Ranchi on the invitation of Messrs. N. Baksi and S.A. Choudhury. The meeting should be held within the next two months.

The meeting then terminated.

POSITION REGARDING ENROLMENT OF WORKERS AND CONSTITUENCIES

Name of District	Number of Constituencies	Total Enrolment	Number of Constituencies where 20 or more have been enrolled	Number of Constituencies where less than 20 have been enrolled
CHAMPARAN	21	82	2	7
SARAN	26	160	5	9
MONGHYR	23	29	1	3
MUSAFFARPUR	29	206	7	7
DARBHANGA	31	53	1	10
SAHARSA	11	22	1	1
PURNEA	18	121	6	1
SANTHAL PARGANAS	19	1	-	1
BHAGALPUR	12	38	-	7
PATNA DISTT. (RURAL)	18	212	8	3
PATNA TOWN	3	33	1	2
SHAHABAD	22	122	2	13
RANCHI	15	188	8	-
GAYA	25	-	-	-
HAZARIBAGH	16	-	-	-
SINGHBHUM	14	-	-	-
PALAMAU	8	31	1	3
DHANBAD	7	-	-	-
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