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General Secretary's Letter No. 159

Dear Friend,

Sub: Party Elections - Eligibility of Existing Members who fail to Renew their Membership

Our telegram of June 22, 1967, permitting a "grace period" for renewing their membership subscription by existing Worker Members appears to have created some confusion in regard to the eligibility of such Worker Members to participate in the elections during the grace period -

- (a) as voters; and
- (b) as candidates for office or for membership of elective Committees.

2. In view of this, we are hereby cancelling all previous instructions on the subject, and substituting them by the following:-

- (i) All those whose worker membership is valid as on June 30, 1967 will be included in the Membership Registers.
- (ii) The Membership Registers, which are the "Electoral Rolls" for purposes of our Party elections, will close on June 30, 1967.
- (iii) All those whose worker membership expires during the period of the elections, i.e. between 1st July and 30th November 1967 :-
 - (a) will be eligible to vote;
 - (b) but they will not be eligible to offer themselves as candidates for office or for membership of elective Committees and Councils, unless meanwhile (before the date of the election) they have renewed their subscription on or before the date of its expiry.
- (iv) Thus, the Returning Officers when accepting nominations of candidates for any election must satisfy themselves that the membership of the candidates is in good standing.

We trust the position is now clear.

Yours sincerely,

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Officiating General Secretary