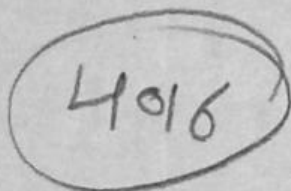


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GENERAL SECRETARY'S LETTER No.138

(Applicable only to State Units who are still to have their State Convention)

Dear friend,

Recently Prof. Ranga, Mr. Dandekar and I had the opportunity to be present at the State Convention of our Andhra and Orissa Units and I thought that certain ideas which arose out of the manner in which those State Conventions were conducted may be of use to you in connection with your own State Convention which you propose to call during the coming weeks.

First of all, as you are aware, we do not have "Reception Committees" to organise these Conventions as the Congress Party has been accustomed to doing. Our National Convention is conducted by the Central Office and our State Conventions should be conducted by the State Units. Naturally, the active cooperation of our local colleagues wherever the Convention may be organised has to be sought and obtained. For that purpose there would be no objection to a small "Convention Committee" being set up. The distinction is, however, important so that the authority and the responsibility of the State Office bearers is not weakened or diluted in any manner.

Another point that emerges is that unduly long sessions in which the public are invited to participate should be avoided. In so far as the inaugural session of the Convention, which will be thrown open to the public, is concerned, it should not last more than two hours.

The Central Office will appreciate it if you will kindly send a detailed programme of your State Convention at least a fortnight before the date of the Convention to enable us to make any suggestions or comments which we wish to make.

Yours truly,

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