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Dear friend,

A series of State Conventions of the Party are in the offing between now and the time the National Convention meets in November. Rajaji and I felt it would be useful to provide your Unit with some guidance in regard to the programming and certain other aspects of State Conventions.

1. The session should be for a day and a half.
2. The opening session should be an inaugural session in the afternoon open to the Press and the public by invitation.
3. The whole of the following day should have closed sessions devoted to business.
4. At least half of the second day should be kept apart for a discussion on Party Organisation as distinct from resolutions and policies. This discussion should be based, if possible, on a report on organisation that should be submitted by the General Secretary of the State Unit and circulated to delegates a month in advance of the Convention.

The experience gained at the National Convention of the Party held in Bangalore early in 1964 and the recent Convention of the Mysore State Unit, has been that it is possible to eschew needlessly expensive and time-consuming paraphernalia like Shamianas, processions and other forms of ostentation without affecting the impact of the Convention. A business-like Convention not only enables the delegates to give serious attention to their business but helps in effecting economies in expenditure and saving a little money for the Party's future work.

We are enclosing herewith an organisation chart which was prepared for use at the Third National Convention of the Party in Bangalore. The chart was of immense help in conducting the Convention in a business-like manner.

If there are any other points that you wish to clarify in regard to the Convention that you propose to hold in your State, do write to us.

Yours sincerely,

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