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PARLIAMENTARY SUB-COMMITTEE CIRCULAR

Dear friend,

I am addressing this letter to you as a member of the Sub-Committee of the Central Parliamentary Board which is authorised, when unanimous, to nominate prospective Parliamentary candidates for the next General Elections.

Mr. P. C. Sharma, a former Member of the Rajya Sabha, about whom particulars are attached, has expressed his desire, both during his visit to Delhi recently and in writing, to accept nomination as our Party's candidate for the Nowgong Parliamentary constituency in Assam. Relevant information about Mr. Sharma and his constituency is attached.

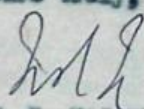
Professor Ranga, who has known Mr. Sharma for some time, vouches for him and is very keen that we should approve this nomination by circular so that Mr. Sharma may start work and the requisite financial assistance may be made available by us as from the month of August.

I too am satisfied that on balance this is an acceptable proposal and that it will be good if we put up at least one Parliamentary candidate from the plains of Assam and perhaps one in the Hill areas. I have, however, made it clear to Mr. Sharma that, apart from the nursing grant and the appointment of a full-time candidate, we are unable at this stage to make any firm commitments about assistance at the time of the elections, but I have assured him that he will be treated fairly along with our other prospective Parliamentary candidates.

In order that the arrangement may come into force from the beginning of August, I shall very much appreciate it if you will kindly send me a telegram or a quick line in reply at the Central Office of the Party in Bombay where I shall be from the 2nd August to the 7th intimating your approval of this nomination.

encl.

Yours truly,


(M. R. MASANI)

PARTICULARS GIVEN BY MR. P.C. SHARMA

Name of the Constituency : Nowgong in Assam
Name of the Candidate : Purna Chandra Sharma
Address : Nowgong (Assam)
Father's name : Bhamu Chandra Sharma
Age : 66 (next birthday)
Profession : Advocate
Qualification : Graduate in Law

Past Activities:

Political : From 1921 till 1952 in Congress. Leading the first batch of strikers in College in 1921, the Civil Disobedience movement in 1930-31, Founder Organiser of the Assam Seva Dal. Organiser of the Quit India movement with 17000 Shanti Sena and suffered nine terms of imprisonment in the Freedom Struggle.

An M.L.A. from 1937 to 1952 and Chief Whip of the Congress Party from 1946 to 1952. Member of the Rajya Sabha from 1956 to 1962.

Social : Associated with educational and religious institutions and musical organisations.

Editor and proprietor of Weekly Assamese GANATANTRA

There are three predominant communities Muslims 30%
Tribals 5%
(Assamese, Bengali and Hindus 65%
Hindustani)

Casterwise break up is not possible as there are so many castes.

In the last General election there were 10 Assembly constituencies and now there are 13 of which 9 are included in the Nowgong Constituency of Parliament. Last time the break up of poll was as follows:

Shri L.D. Kotaki (Cong.)	97,942
" Sukdev Goswami (since deceased)	72,967 (Ind.)
" Binoy Bhushan Sarkar (comm)	38,080
" Muhammad Lal (SP)	30,149

This time the SSP or the PSP have no candidates. The Communists may put up but likelihood is less.

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