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My dear Ranga,

I have just received your letter of July 17 regarding the circular on election procedure and am carefully examining each of your suggestions and incorporating as many of them into our draft as do not cut across the Constitution itself.

I may mention that Rajaji has approved of the circular with several useful improvements and clarifications which we have also incorporated. This revised circular has to be issued by July 31, as desired by the Secretaries of State Units when they met in Bombay.

There is one point in your letter to which I am afraid, it is not possible to give effect, i.e. in regard to unorganised States like Madhya Pradesh, Bengal, Assam and now Delhi. Neither the Constitution nor the decision of the Central Organising Committee would enable elections to be held for the purposes of representation to the Centre in any of these States at the present time. To take them one by one, we have ourselves dissolved the Delhi Unit, Assam has never had a State Unit and what little there is is on paper. If, however, they send lists of Workers duly enrolled, they would certainly not be debarred. In the case of Madhya Pradesh and Bengal, the State Committees and Units were dissolved by the Central Organising Committee and the General Secretary authorised to deal with them directly and give recognition where desired. I may mention, that in spite of all my efforts to encourage people, not one district has qualified, or to put it more accurately, nobody has come forward to take this responsibility. Anyone who comes forward in the last days of July obviously does not do so bonafide and can hardly be authorised.

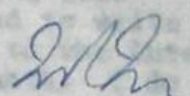
What I have said does not mean that any of these areas need unrepresented in our Party apparatus for long. To start with, they will have to start functioning at the district or state level as we are now planning along with the Maharaja of Devgad-Baria in Madhya Pradesh. Once this is done, there need be no objection to coopting someone worthwhile from the ~~alliance~~ ^{area} to the General Council at the Centre. I am sure you will agree that as of now, there is not one man in any of these States who obviously qualifies for participation in the National leadership of the Party.

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In any case, there is nothing to be done about this matter at present. The Constitution and the decision of the Central Organising Committee must take their course without individual intervention on our part.

In so far as Bihar is concerned, once again let the law take its course. So far no names or lists have come in. We shall look at them when they come and will subject Bihar to the same kind of careful scrutiny that we propose to subject all the other State Units in the second half of August. Subject to that and the Munshi Report which may come in meanwhile, certainly the rules will take their course.

Yours sincerely,


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