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The notices for the General Council meeting have issued, as also the agenda. I am faced with a difficult problem. Among the members from Bihar is Janki Nandan Singh. The question arises whether or not notice should issue to him.

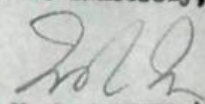
So far all that has happened about Janki Nandan Singh is that the Raja of Ramgarh, as State President, has "suspended" him "for the present for creating schism among the members and for repeatedly ignoring the discipline of the Party" and has "forwarded the relevant matter to the State Executive Committee" for expelling him from the Party. The Raja says in his letter of 6th May from which I am quoting that he will be informing us of the decision. No further communication has been received from the Raja on the subject. Presumably, therefore, the State Committee has not taken any decision in the matter.

The issues that arise are: (1) Whether the State President has the right to suspend a member of the Party in anticipation of some action by the State Executive Committee and (2) Assuming the suspension pro tem is in order, does it mean that a member of the General Council loses his right to his seat to which he was nominated by the Centre even while the matter is pending before the State Committee and the member in question has not had the right to appeal against the State Committee's decision to the Centre?

These are fairly important issues. We must not think only of this individual case but of the precedent it may set. If, for instance, to take an amusing case, Dandekar were to suspend Murarji Vaidya, in his capacity as President of the Bombay unit, are we, pending a decision of the Bombay Executive, to disfranchise Murarji Vaidya from his membership of the General Council?

I shall much appreciate an immediate reply from you to this query as I would like to have your guidance about how to move in this matter as there is not very much time left for the notice to issue.

Yours sincerely,


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