

July 22, 1968.

Minutes of the Meeting

A meeting of the General Body of the Party in Parliament was held at 9.30 A.M. in Room No. 50, 1st floor, Parliament House on Monday, 22nd July, 1968. The following members were present:

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| 1. Prof. N.G. Ranga | 16. Prof. R.K. Amin |
| 2. Mr. C.C. Desai | 17. Mr. Y.G. Gowd |
| 3. Mr. D.N. Patodia | 18. Mr. Piloo Mody |
| 4. Mr. J. Mohd Iman | 19. Mr. Mahendra Majhi |
| 5. Mr. Sundarmani Patel | 20. Mr. D. Amat |
| 6. Mr. Lokanath Misra | 21. Mr. G.C. Naik |
| 7. Mr. D.N. Deb | 22. Mr. Surendra Tapuriah |
| 8. Mr. K.C. Panda | 23. Mr. P.N. Solanki |
| 9. Mr. D.R. Parmar | 24. Mr. M.K. Nanja Gowder |
| 10. Mr. Ram Singh | 25. Mr. Dabhyabhai Patel |
| 11. Dr. B.N. Antani | 26. Mr. S.S. Mariswamy |
| 12. Raja Venkatappa Naik | 27. Mr. C. Muthuswamy |
| 13. Mr. G.S. Singh | 28. Mr. R.J. Amin |
| 14. Mr. K.P. Singh Deo | 29. Mr. N.K. Somani |
| 15. Mr. K.M. Kaushik | 30. Mr. Viren J. Shah |

The question of arms aid to Pakistan was discussed. Our members were appraised of details of discussions which the leaders had with the Prime Minister and amongst themselves as a result of which it was decided that Shri Nath Pai's motion expressing India's concern over the reported decision of the Soviet Union be supported. Mr. Nath Pai's motion having been turned down by the Prime Minister, it was unanimously decided that we should press our adjournment motion standing in the name of Mr. Piloo Mody for admittance. At the same time, members were of the view that if in the process of heat which might be generated in the House walk-out should result, we should not follow suit.

The implications of proposed strike by Central Government employees was discussed. The members felt that the strike is not justified unless all avenues open for settling labour disputes and machinery for solution and arbitration were exhausted.

As for the firemen's strike in the South and South Eastern Railways, the members felt that they were until now prevented from organising themselves as a separate union and it is that which ultimately led to the strike and they won their points as regards hours of work, wages, etc. If this question comes up for discussion we should express our regret on these lines.

Invitation of the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission regarding the draft Fourth Plan was discussed. Various points of view were expressed. Some members were in favour of attending the meeting while others were in favour of boycotting the meeting as we had done when a similar invitation earlier received from the Prime Minister. Finally, it was decided that we should prepare a detailed note regarding our approach to the Fourth Plan. This task may be entrusted to a sub-committee which may be constituted specially for this purpose. It may also be advisable to organise a symposium wherein even the representatives of the Government may be invited. Copies of the replies which may be sent to the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission should also be circulated to all units of our Party to ascertain their reactions and based on their reactions a detailed pamphlet may be prepared for circulation to the press, to the Members of Parliament, to the Planning Commission for giving wide publicity to our stand.

The Chief Whip of our Party, Shri Y.G. Gowd gave details of his discussions with the Independent member Shri Yashpal Singh. The