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Extract from Minutes of the Central Parliamentary Board meeting on
Thursday, 26th May, 1966, at 10 a.m. in Bombay

"The Board's attention was drawn to the fact that Dr. Beharilal Anantani, the Party's successful candidate to the Rajya Sabha from Gujarat, was able to secure 31 votes and that this was achieved by arriving at an understanding with the Independent Progressive Group led by Mr. Babubhai Vaidya, as the Party's strength in the State Assembly was less than the quota required. The General Secretary of the Gujarat State Unit had, with the concurrence of the Party's General Secretary, Mr. Masani, given an assurance that in return for the second preference votes of the Independent Progressive Group, the Swatantra Party would ensure the election to the Rajya Sabha in 1968 of Mr. Babubhai Vaidya, the leader of that Group. In this connection, Mr. Bhailalbhai Patel recalled the commitment made by him in 1962, with Dr. K.M. Munshi's approval, to Mr. Sumant Patel that, in return for certain assistance to the Party in the last General Elections, the Gujarat unit would sponsor his candidature to the Rajya Sabha. He requested that this commitment should also be honoured by the Party. After discussing this matter, the Board decided that the commitment made on behalf of the Party to Mr. Babubhai Vaidya should be honoured and that he should be the Party's first candidate in the elections to the Rajya Sabha in 1968."

Extract from the minutes of the meeting of the C. P. B. on January 27, 1968,
at Cochin

"As regards the advisability of putting up a second candidate at all, in the light of the Party's strength and negotiating position in the Gujarat State Assembly, it was decided that a second candidate should only be considered after making certain that the first candidate Mr. Babubhai Vaidya would be elected. The Sub-Committee appointed to approve Rajya Sabha candidatures was asked to consider the matter carefully and to approve of a second Candidate from Gujarat after satisfying itself that this would not harm Mr. Babubhai Vaidya's prospects."