

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE "RAJYA SABHA/VIDHAN PARISHAD" SUB-COMMITTEE
OF THE CENTRAL PARLIAMENTARY BOARD HELD ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 6, 1968 AT 6 PM
AT PROF. N. G. RANGA'S RESIDENCE, NEW DELHI.

Present:-

Prof. N. G. Ranga, M.P. - in the Chair.
Mr. M. R. Masani, M.P.
Mr. N. Dandekar, M.P.

1. The following recommendations of candidatures to the Rajya Sabha were approved:-

Andhra: Mr. J. Chandramowli

Assam: Prof. Martin Narayan Majaw

Mysore: Mr. Boranna Gowd for the Rajya Sabha or Mr. S. C. Masli for the Vidhan Parishad, depending upon the outcome of negotiations with the United Legislature Front.

Gujarat: The sub-Committee noted that apart from Babubhai Vaidya whose candidature had already been approved by the Central Parliamentary Board, no recommendation for a second candidate had yet been received. The information, however, was that the Gujarat Parliamentary Board would consider the matter on 10th.

In the absence of a further recommendation the sub-Committee assumed there would be only the one candidate who had already been approved. If however, the Gujarat Parliamentary Board desired a second candidate to be considered, they should make out a cogent case in sufficient time for the sub-Committee to consider the matter. In this connection, Mr. Dandekar agreed to visit Ahmedabad on March 10th.

Orissa: It was decided that the decisions already taken should not be disturbed while awaiting the comments of the President, Orissa State Unit, on the representation made by some M.L.As of the Party in the Orissa Assembly, in view of a report by Mr. Masani on the meeting he had with these M.L.As during his recent to Bhubaneswar.

The sub-Committee negatived an appeal from Dr. A. R. Khan who had pressed his claim to be nominated as the Party's candidate.

Rajasthan: The following names which Mr. Dandekar had already discussed thoroughly with the President of the State Unit and Maharani Gayatri Devi, and which had been negatived by both of them, were mentioned:-

Mr. Mandhata Singh
Mr. Ramsingh of Ganganagar
Mr. Kaslival
Mr. S. M. Lodha
Mr. Jaswant Raj Mehta.

As these names had been negatived in the discussions referred to above, they were not considered further except for some discussion concerning Mr. Mandhata Singh.

The candidature of Mr. Mahendra Kumar Mohta was approved in principle subject

- (a) to his becoming a member of the Swatantra Party in Rajasthan
- (b) to the President of the State Unit putting right the procedural lacuna arising out of the fact that in Rajasthan there was (since the last Party Elections) no Parliamentary Board and there had been no formal consideration of this question by the State Executive.

In view of the little time left until the date of nomination for the Rajya Sabha, it was left to Mr. Dandekar to get the procedural lacuna rectified in whatever way might be practicable.

Madras: It was noted that although Prof. Ruthnaswamy, M.P. would be retiring, no recommendations had been received for either for the Rajya Sabha or the Vidhan Parishad.

2. Vidhan Parishad:

U.P: Since the Vidhan Parishad elections coincided with the Rajya Sabha elections in March, the Sub-Committee approved the candidature of Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh.

The meeting then terminated.

L. D. Datta
General Secretary