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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORGANISATION SUB-COMMITTEE  
HELD IN MADRAS ON JANUARY 11, 1965, AT 9 A.M.  
IN RAJAJI'S ROOM, KALKI BLDGS. KILPAUK, MADRAS.

Present: Prof. N.G. Ranga, M.P., (in the Chair)  
Mr. C. Rajagopalachari  
Prof. M. Ruthnaswamy, M.P.,  
Mr. M.R. Masani, M.P.

The Minutes of the last meeting held on September 30, 1964 were confirmed and signed.

The Committee decided that the first meeting of the General Council should be held in Jaipur on February 20 and 21. The retiring Central Organising Committee should hold its final meeting on 19th February at 6 p.m. The Committee settled the agenda and the programme of the General Council.

The question of the Party's participation in the elections to the State Legislative Assembly in Kerala next month was considered. The President, General Secretary and one of the Vice-Presidents of the Kerala Unit were at this stage called in to explain the position. In the light of their suggestions, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

"The Organisation Sub-Committee, having heard the President, Vice-President and General Secretary of the Kerala State Unit and considered their proposals, decides:

1. That the Swatantra Party should participate, as recommended by the State Unit, in the State Assembly election in Kerala.

2. That a Sub-Committee consisting of Rajaji, President and the General Secretary be requested to decide on:

- a) list of party candidates to be nominated,
- b) the text of the Party Manifesto,
- c) the strategy to be followed during the campaign,
- d) the allocation of any funds that the Party may be able to raise for the campaign, and
- e) all other policy decisions that may need to be taken throughout the election campaign.

3. That the office bearers of the State Unit be requested to expedite their consultation with other non-Communist opposition parties and groups, with a view to avoid inter-oppositional conflicts, and despatch a final list of candidates recommended by them, along with the written consent of the candidates, not later than 21st January.

4. That the State office bearers and prospective candidates should be available in Ernakulam Cochin on 28th January to enable the General Secretary of the Party to meet them so as to facilitate the taking of decisions in time by the Sub-Committee, mentioned above."

The General Secretary reported on his communications to the Election Commission in regard to the allocation of its symbol, 'Star', to the Party's candidates in Kerala during the forthcoming Assembly elections and its objection to the 'Star' being made part of the symbol of the "Left" Communist Party.

The Committee then took up other business.

The General Secretary reported on the re-organisation of the Party's Unit in Bihar. Two letters dated December 9 and 15, 1964, received by the Party's President from Raja Anandchand of Bilaspur intimating his resignation from the Party and his joining the Congress Party were recorded.

The decision of the Executive Committee of the Rajasthan Unit at its meeting on December 7, 1964, reiterating its earlier decision to recommend the rejection of the enrollment form of Mr. R.C. Bhandari of Jodhpur was considered. It was decided, in response to the wishes of the State Unit, to reject Mr. Bhandari's application form.

The General Secretary placed before the Committee a statement showing the arrears of contribution as of December 31, 1964, payable by the Party's members of Parliament in both Houses totalling Rs.7,820. The statement was noted by the Committee with concern and distress.

The General Secretary reported on a statement made by Mr. Bhailalbhai Patel, President of the Gujarat Unit, at a press conference on December 21, inviting individuals to join a Citizens' United Front to contest the elections to the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation in which members of the Swatantra Party would participate along with members of both Communist Parties and the correction that he had found it necessary to issue to the press. The Committee approved of the action of the General Secretary and decided that Mr. Bhailalbhai Patel should be informed that the Party's opposition to any association with Communists of the nature reportedly suggested by him remained as clear and firm as ever.

The Committee considered the Republican Party's move to table a motion of No-Confidence, arising out of the rejection of their demands, during the Budget session of Parliament. It was decided that the Party's members should not stand up in support of such a motion and should abstain from voting on it, but that a statement may be made on the floor on behalf of the Party which should state that, while the Party sympathises with their desire for justice for Harijans, it does not approve of the methods being adopted.

The Committee considered the attitude to be adopted towards the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Bill. It felt that the Bill could not be supported as the creation of another University in Delhi would be a cause for needless duplication and expenditure and could be avoided by expanding the educational facilities to be provided by the present University of Delhi.