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Minutes of the Meeting of the Organisation Sub-Committee held in Bombay on September, 30, 1964, at 9:30 a.m., at the residence of Sir H. P. Mody, 1 Carmichael Road, Bombay 26

Present

Prof. N. G. Ranga (in the Chair)
Mr. C. Rajagopalachari
Mr. V. M. Munshi
Smt. Gayatri Devi of Jaipur
Mr. M. R. Masani
Sir Homi Mody (by special invitation)

The minutes of the meetings held in New Delhi on September 6 and 9 were approved and confirmed.

The General Secretary then reported on the correspondence between the Central Office and Mr. Hari Krishna Srivastava in regard to allegations made by the latter against certain office bearers of the Party in U.P.

The Sub-Committee had also before it a letter dated September 25 from Mr. Wahidur Rehman who had been appointed by the State Executive as the chief election officer for conducting the Party's elections in the State. The Sub-Committee recorded its satisfaction with the fact that Mr. Rehman enjoyed the confidence of all concerned in the State Unit and hoped that he would receive the cooperation of all concerned in conducting the Party's elections to a satisfactory conclusion.

The situation obtaining in Kerala was then considered. Mr. C. Rajagopalachari reported on the correspondence he had had with the various friends of the Party in the State with reference to the prospects of the Party's participation in the forthcoming elections in the State. The Sub-Committee reiterated its earlier decision taken on September 6 that a State-wide Convention may be held in Ernakulam or Kottayam in the first or second week of November at which Prof. Ranga and Mr. Masani were requested to be present.

In so far as participation in the Elections to the State Assembly next year were concerned, the Sub-Committee was of the opinion that if the situation developed favourably, the problem of funds not intervening, the question of contesting the elections and of giving encouragement and support to the Party in Kerala to adopt a modest number of candidates may be considered by the time the Convention meets.

The General Secretary then reported on the unfortunate non-compliance with correct procedure by the office of the Madras Unit of the Party in regard to the enrolment of Workers and the maintenance of records in the manner prescribed. He further reported that he had reluctantly, subject to the Sub-Committee's ratification, given the State Unit permission to proceed with elections to Party's Committees in the State with the proviso that this matter should be set right in due course for all other purposes. The Sub-Committee ratified the General Secretary's action.

Having considered an appeal preferred by Messrs. Satyanarayan Mishra and Ghanshyam Das against a recommendation by the Orissa State Executive for their expulsion for indiscipline during the Rajya Sabha elections, the Sub-Committee recommended to the Central Organising Committee the acceptance of the Orissa Unit's recommendations.

The meeting then considered the date and venue of the first meeting of the duly elected General Council to elect members and office bearers of the National Executive and decided to recommend to the Central Organising Committee that the kind invitation extended by Smt. Gayatri Devi to hold the meeting in Jaipur on January 3 and 4, 1965, be accepted.

The Organisation Sub-Committee confirmed the interpretation of the Central Office that members of the National Executive need not necessarily be elected from among the members of the General Council since the words "from among themselves" were not mentioned in Clause 10 A of the Constitution. Similar considerations would apply to all other Party elections.

The Organisation Sub-Committee then made the following recommendations to the Central Organising Committee in regard to Bihar :

" The Central Organising Committee considered an appeal by certain members of the defunct Unit of the Party in Bihar against the decision of the Organisation Sub-Committee in dissolving the Bihar Unit of the Swatantra Party.

" After considering the appeal, the Central Organising Committee endorsed the decision of the Organisation Sub-Committee at its meeting in Madras on August 8 dissolving the Bihar Unit on the basis of the recommendations made by Mr. K. M. Munshi in his Report and rejected the appeal. The Central Organising Committee is convinced that the State Committee and Unit completely failed to perform its functions.

" The Central Organising Committee next considered the resolution adopted by the Organisation Sub-Committee calling upon the former President and Secretary of the defunct Unit of Bihar, Messrs. Kamakhya Narayan Singh and Shyam Sunder Prasad, to show cause why appropriate disciplinary action including expulsion from the Party should not be taken against them for flouting the authority of the Party by refusing to hand over charge of the papers, books of account and assets of the Party as directed by the Organisation Sub-Committee.

" The Central Organising Committee noted the letter dated August 26 from the Central Office calling upon Messrs. Kamakhya Narayan Singh and Shyam Sunder Prasad to explain not later than September 10 why action should not be taken against them including expulsion from the Party in accordance with the Organisation Sub-Committee's Resolution. In this connection, the reply from Mr. Kamakhya Narayan Singh of 9th September was taken into account, in which he had submitted his resignation from the Party, was noted. Mr. Shyam Sunder Prasad did not reply to the letter.

" The Central Organising Committee noted that, even while Mr. Kamakhya Narayan Singh was appealing for justice from the Organisation Sub-Committee and an appeal against the dissolution was pending, Mr. Kamakhya Narayan Singh had offered to join the Congress.

" Taking all these circumstances into account, the Central Organising Committee hereby resolves to expel Messrs. Kamakhya Narayan Singh and Shyam Sunder Prasad from the Party for gross indiscipline and disloyalty to the Party and further holds that the question of their resignation from the Party therefore does not arise.

" In so far as the MP's, MLA's and MLC's of the Party in Bihar other than Mr. Kamakhya Narayan Singh and Mr. Shyam Sunder Prasad were concerned, the Central Organising Committee in the absence of individual communication from them, holds that they continue to be members of the Party and cannot, in the circumstances, accept their signatures on what allegedly purports to be their resignation, appended to the letter dated September 9 from Mr. Kamakhya Narayan Singh. The Central Office should write to these MP's, MLA's and MLC's of the Party other than Mr. Kamakhya Narayan Singh and Mr. Shyam Sunder Prasad who have been expelled, informing them that in case any of them have applied for membership of any other Party, they will still have an opportunity to withdraw their applications (sending a copy of such withdrawal to the Central Office of the Party) and indicating their desire to remain members of the Party not later than October 20.

" In so far as those who have been enrolled as Worker-Members by the defunct Unit prior to 31st July 1964, are concerned, they should be given an opportunity to be considered as duly enrolled on their being screened by the Central Office provided they complete two forms, viz a) a letter addressed to the Party giving the relevant particulars such as receipt numbers and date of enrolment and indicating their wish to be Worker-Members of the Party and b) a letter addressed to the previous President of the State Unit with a copy to the Central Office calling on Mr. Kamakhya Narayan Singh either to remit their subscription amounts to the Central Office of the Party or to return the money to the applicant concerned.

" The Central Organising Committee notes the universal desire expressed by the Party's friends and sympathisers in Bihar that the Central Office should open a branch office in Patna say at least till the end of 1964, and that the office should be manned by staff deputed by the Central Office to Patna for the purpose. The Central Organising Committee accedes to this demand and requests the Central Office immediately to make arrangements for setting up a branch of the Central Office in Patna.

" The Central Organising Committee requests Mr. Dahyabhai Patel to help the Central Office during the next few months in organising the Party in Bihar.

" To ensure the fullest cooperation of the Party's friends and sympathisers with the work of the Bihar branch of the Central Office, the Central Organising Committee approves the following Advisory Committee and authorises the General Secretary to add to the Committee as and when deemed necessary and helpful for the growth of the Party in Bihar :

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| 1. Mr. Ram Binod Singh | 14. Mr. Ganga Prasad Singh, Champaran |
| 2. Mr. Jaleshwar Prasad | 15. Mr. Gajadhar Singh, Champaran |
| 3. Sardar Harihar Singh, MLC | 16. Mr. A. S. Chaudhari, Ranchi. |
| 4. Mr. N. Baksi | |
| 5. Mr. N. N. Singh Deo of Seraikeela, MLA | |
| 6. Mr. Jagadhatrinath Sahdeo of Palamau, MLA | |
| 7. Mr. Maheshwar Prasad Narain Singh, Muzaffarpur | |
| 8. Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal | |
| 9. Mr. Harishchandra Mishra, Darbhanga | |
| 10. Mr. M. V. Shastri, Jamshedpur | |
| 11. Mr. Bashir Ul Haque, Gaya | |
| 12. Mr. Budhan Rai Verma, Shahbag | |
| 13. Dr. Azazi, Muzaffarpur | " |

The meeting then terminated