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Draft Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting of the
CENTRAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE at the Madras Woodlands
Hotel on Monday, February 3, 1964

Present: Prof. N. G. Ranga M.P. (in the chair)
Mr. C. Rajagopalachari
Mr. K. B. Jinaraja Hegde
Prof. M. Ruthnaswamy, M.P.
Mr. Hari Har Das
Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddy
Mr. G. Latchanna, M.L.A.
Mr. Dabiyabhai Patel, M.P.
Mr. B. P. Singh, M.L.A.
Sir H. P. Mody
Mr. Lakshman Singh of Dungarpur, M.L.A.
Mr. J. M. Imam
Mr. V. P. Menon
Mr. M. R. Masani, M.P.

It was decided that, in the vacancy created by the sad demise of Sardar Bahadur Lal Singh, Maharami Gayatri Devi of Jaipur should be coopted to the Central Organising Committee.

The request made by the President of the State Unit in Andhra that permission should be given to the Andhra Party to give notice of Satyagraha to the State Government in respect of enhancement of land levy, the suspension of distribution of waste lands during the Emergency, the Gold Control Order and the 17th Amendment was considered.

After considerable discussion it was decided, on Rajaji's proposal, that the President of the Party, Prof. Ranga, should address letters to the President and the Prime Minister bringing the resolution of the Convention on the 17th Amendment to their notice and requesting them to give it their most serious consideration. Beyond this, no further action should be taken on the subject of the 17th Amendment either at national or State level beyond normal agitation in the form of protests and demonstrations as sanctioned by the resolution of the Convention.

In response to an inquiry from Mr. G. Latchanna, clarification was provided that if a Kisan Sammelan wished to resort to satyagraha either against the 17th Amendment or against the enhancement of land revenue, there was nothing the Party could do about it, but that office-bearers of the Party should not offer themselves for satyagraha.

The possibility of organising a National Kisan Sammelan and a demonstration in Delhi against the 17th Amendment some time during the session of Parliament was considered. After considerable discussion, it was decided that a Kisan Sammelan representative of various parts of the country should be convened in Delhi on

Monday, April 13. This tentative date was not to be published until it was confirmed from Delhi by the middle of February by the President and General Secretary of the Party who were authorised to alter it in the light of the programme of Parliament.

It was further decided that those assembled at the Sammelan may, after taking their pledge, march in an orderly fashion to Parliament House to present their protest to the Speaker of the Lok Sabha and the President of the Rajya Sabha. Such a demonstration should not, however, take place when the Constitution (Amendment) Bill was actually before the House.

It further decided that the Sammelan should be called by the Party and that there need be no effort made to make it a united front affair, in so far as other political parties were concerned.

Maharawal Lakshman Singh of Dunsarpur assured that a minimum of 2000 peasants would come to Delhi from Rajasthan for the Sammelan, while Mr. B. P. Singh assured an attendance of over a 1000 from U.P. The General Secretary conveyed to the meeting that Sardar Basant Singh had confirmed that 500 persons would be participating from Punjab, while Col. Pasricha, President of the Delhi Unit, had given an estimated participation of 3000 to 4000 persons from Delhi and the surrounding villages. It was decided that, in addition to these major participants from Delhi and the surrounding States, other State Units should be asked to send token delegations, which should be as representative as possible, to participate in the Convention.

The situation in Kerala was discussed in the light of the State Assembly Elections in 1965. It was decided that Mr. V. P. Menon should visit the State in the course of the next few weeks with a view to consider the development of the Party. Mr. Menon would keep in touch with the Central Office, which should provide him with the necessary information in regard to the present set up on a Zonal basis and arrange for spokesmen of these Zonal units to meet Mr. Menon and give him their cooperation.

The President and Rajaji thanked Mr. V. P. Menon and other colleagues from Mysore State for their gracious hospitality and on the hard work that had been put in to make the Convention a thumping success.

The meeting then terminated.
