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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARLIAMENTARY
BOARD HELD IN KALKI BUILDING, MADRAS, ON SATURDAY,
AUGUST 3, 1963, AT 6 P.M.

Present:

Prof. N.G. Ranga M.P. (in the Chair)
Mr. C. Rajagopalachari
Mr. K.M. Munshi
Mr. S.K.D. Paliwal
Mr. R.N. Singh Deo MLA
Mr. P.K. Deo M.P.
Mr. Dahyabhai Patel M.P. and
Mr. M.R. Masani M.P.

By Special Invitation

Prof. M. Ruthnaswamy M.P.
Mr. N. Dandekar
Mr. Saw Ganesan M.L.A.
Mr. G. Latchanna M.L.A.
Mr. Bhamu Pratap Singh M.L.A.

The minutes of the meeting held on April 23, 1963, were confirmed.

Orissa: Mr. R.N. Singh Deo MLA, President of the Orissa Unit and Leader of the Opposition in the Orissa Legislative Assembly, reported in detail on the circumstances leading to his acceptance and subsequent withdrawal from the assignment offered to him by the Orissa Chief Minister to enquire into allegations of corruption against the Deputy Chief Minister of Orissa.

Parliamentary Group: Discussing the functioning of the Parliamentary Group in the forthcoming session of Parliament from August 13, the Parliamentary Board conveyed its advice to the Group that arising out of the General Secretary's election to the Lok Sabha, he should be nominated as the Senior Deputy Leader with Mr. P.K. Deo as the Junior Deputy Leader. The Board had no suggestions to make in regard to the other office-bearers of the Group.

The Board considered Prof. Ranga's problems regarding seating arrangements etc. in the Lok Sabha and gave him the necessary guidance and authority to deal with them.

The Board then discussed the possibility of a motion of No-Confidence being tabled in Parliament. It was decided that the attitude of the Party towards such a move should be left to the Party's Parliamentary Group in the light of discussions with other non-Communist Opposition Parties in Parliament.

Constitution (17th Amendment) Bill: Prof. Ranga then explained in detail the sinister significance of the 17th Amendment Bill due to come up before Parliament.

The Board asked the Parliamentary Group to oppose this measure in Parliament. Our Party's Group in the various State Assemblies should be asked to table motions against this amendment.

Panchayats: Considering a query from the Rajasthan Unit whether an M.L.A. or M.P. of the Party could simultaneously contest elections to Panchayat Samities and local bodies, the Board felt there was no objection to a member holding more than one elective post.

General Election Accounts: The Parliamentary Board approved the election accounts in respect of the financial contribution of Rs. 30,000 submitted by the President of the Himachal Pradesh Unit.