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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ORGANISATION SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT SIR HOMI MODY'S RESIDENCE IN BOMBAY ON 14th MARCH 1962 AT 9.30 A.M.

Present: Prof. N.G. Ranga (in the Chair)
Mr. C. Rajagopalachari
Mr. K.M. Munshi
Raja Kamakhya Narain Singh of Ramgarh
Mr. M.R. Masani
Sir H.P. Mody
Mr. Bhailalbhai Patel } By special invitation

The minutes of the last meeting held in Madras on January 4 and 5 were read and confirmed.

GANATANTRA PARISHAD'S MERGER

The General Secretary reported on the merger of the Ganatantra Parishad in Orissa with the Swatantra Party and the inclusion of 4 members of the Parishad in the Swatantra Party in Parliament. Four members, viz Messrs Vishnu Prasad Mishra, Raghunath Misra, Rajballabh Misra, Dina Harihar Patel, who were recommended for co-option to the General Council, were approved.

PARTY ORGANISATION

The need for strengthening the Party's organisation throughout the country was considered and the following decisions were taken:

- 1) Enrolment of Party members should now be taken in hand and this enrolment should close on some date between June 30 and September 30 that may be fixed by the State Executive Committee for each State.
- 2) Membership books should be printed by the State units at their cost.
- 3) On the closing of enrolment in the States, elections to constituency, district and State Committees should follow. In any event, such elections should conclude by the end of October, 1962. This would permit the constitution of the General Council and the National Executive in the months of November and December and would enable the new bodies to function from 1st January 1963.

Pending the setting up of the new Committees at these levels, the present ad hoc committees at the Centre, in the States and in the Districts will continue to function. The existing State Executive Committees are given permission to add to their number in order to enable fresh blood to be brought in, and to reconstitute District Committees wherever that may be found necessary.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The following special arrangements were made for certain States:-

BIHAR: The operation of the Baroda Award should now come to an end

and the State President is given authority to appoint an interim committee and its office-bearers for the whole of Bihar which will function till it is replaced by a duly elected committee. The President is also given the power to reconstitute interim District Committees wherever necessary.

BENGAL: The four-man committee which was functioned for the elections consisting of Messrs. R.P. Patodia, S.P. Agarwalla, A.C. Kumar and B. Bhattacharjee with Mr. Patodia as Convenor should continue to function as an interim executive committee until replaced by a duly elected committee. The Executive Committee which was in existence prior to the elections is dissolved.

MAHARASHTRA: Mr. N. Dandekar shall continue to function as Convenor for the State and is authorised to make such interim arrangements as he may find desirable till a duly elected committee for the State is constituted.

KERALA: The General Secretary is requested to investigate the situation in the various regions of Kerala and to set up interim machinery on a basis for Trivandrum, Cochin and Malabar respectively until such time as duly elected committees could be formed and the three regions brought together into a State unit. The old committee with Mr. N. Sankaran Nair as Convenor has already been dissolved and will no longer be recognised as the District Committee for Trivandrum.

PUNJAB: While no specific action need be taken in regard to this State unit, Mr. Munshi and the General Secretary were requested to look into the affairs of the Hariana Division and the complaints made against Choudhury Dharam Singh Rathi, the General Secretary, and to make recommendations to the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Statement of Accounts presented by the Treasurer was considered. It was decided to discontinue the monthly subventions to the State Parties from April 1st. The General Secretary informed the Committee that intimation of this had already been given in advance of the payment of the last instalment in March.