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Minutes of the Meeting

A meeting of the General Body of the Party in Parliament was held at 6.00 P.M. on Monday, July 31, 1967 in Room No.62 Parliament House, New Delhi. The following Members were present:

1. Prof. N.G. Ranga
2. Mr. M.R. Masani
3. Mr. C.C. Desai
4. Mr. J.M. Lobo Prabhu
5. Mr. P.K. Deo
6. Mr. N. Shivappa
7. Mr. P. Ramamoorthy
8. Mr. D.N. Patodia
9. Raja Venkatappa Naik
10. Mr. Piloo Mody
11. Mr. B.K. Deo
12. Prof. Ruthnaswamy
13. Mr. N. Shivappa
14. Mr. J. Mohd. Imam

A letter given by certain members regarding procedure adopted for the selection of Prof. R.K. Amin for Teheran tour was discussed. The Leader explained that since our Party was offered only one seat, someone had to be chosen quickly and that is how Prof. Amin happened to be nominated by him in consultation with the Deputy Leader. As for the future, as and when such occasions come up, Executive Committee was authorised to nominate member/members on behalf of the Party.

Concession of Rs.20.00 given to Mr. Xavier towards subscription to the Parliamentary office was discussed and after some discussion the decision of the Executive Committee was upheld by the General Body.

Mr. P.K. Deo's bills were discussed. Regarding the Bill concerning Election of the Chief Minister he was advised that it should be provided in the Bill that the person who would get absolute majority alone would be declared elected. For that a second or third ballot might have to be called for. His second bill regarding election of Governor was not approved. However, the provision dealing with the impeachment of Governor for violation of the provisions of the Constitution was approved. Accordingly, he was advised to redraft the Bill and then put it up for the final approval of the Party.

His third Bill barring members of Parliament and State Assemblies to cross the floors was not approved.

The Bill regarding Central Industrial Security Force was discussed. Party spokesman Shri D.N. Patodia was advised to oppose the Bill since the same was likely to create parallel authorities in the States. It would therefore amount to violation of States autonomy.

It was decided that the meetings of the General Body should be held on Monday at 10 A.M. till a notice to the contrary.

sd. C.C. Desai
Secretary