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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 Friday, July 7, 1967 in Room No. 53 1st Floor, Parliament House, New Delhi. The following Members were present:

1. Prof. N.G. Ranga (in the Chair)
2. Shri C.C. Desai
3. Shri Y.G. Gowd
4. Shri J.M. Lobo Prabhu
5. Shri P.K. Deo
6. Shri Raj Raj Singh Deo
7. Shri K.P. Singh Deo
8. Shri D.N. Deb
9. Shri Lok Nath Misra
10. Shri Surinder Tapuria
11. Shri N. Shivappa
12. Shri P. Ramamoorthy
13. Shri J. Mohd. Imam
14. Shri D.N. Patodia
15. Shri Girraj Saran Singh
16. Shri Piloo Mody
17. Prof. R.K. Amin
18. Shri K.M. Kaushik
19. Shri D.R. Parmar
20. Shri R.J. Amin

Shri K.P. Singh Deo's letter regarding Members abstaining from Delhi without intimating to the Party was brought to the notice of the Members. It was reiterated that the Members should inform the whips before leaving Delhi as much in advance as possible.

The Leader made a statement in connection with the observations made at the last meeting of the General Body regarding secretaries and office bearers abstaining from the meetings of the Party. Shri C.C. Desai last Friday was out of station having given prior intimation while Shri Lobo Prabhu was reported to have not received the notice of the meeting.

It was decided that the meeting of the General Body should from now onwards be held every Monday instead of Friday at 6. P.M. unless a notice was issued to the contrary.

The question of a Parliamentary Delegation to Maxalbari was again discussed in the light of Shri M.R. Masani's telegram, Rajaji's letter and detailed report received from Shri C.R. Irani. Firstly, it was decided that as per suggestion of Rajaji, the Leader should write a letter to the Home Minister a draft of which was approved. Secondly, it was left to the Leader that he should finalise the delegation and its personnel as and when

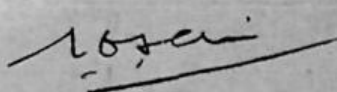
the occasion arose on receipt of Home Minister's reply to Prof. Ranga's letter in the light of latest developments. Shri L.N. Misra brought to the notice of the Members that Jan Sangh, SSP and PSP were sending delegations to Naxalbari and Jan Sangh Leader wanted to join us in such a delegation. It was decided that if a joint approach is made, we should send a combined delegation with Jan Sangh and the other parties but that should not bind us in submitting a joint report. Our members should be submitting their report to our Party only, independent of the assessment of other party delegations.

Mr. N. Shivappa's letter regarding nomination to various Committees and selection of speakers on various subjects was discussed. It was decided that as far as possible, while nominating Members on behalf of the Party to the various committees, those who are not there already should be given preference. As for the speakers, a list of those who have not spoken so far should always be kept in front as and when names have to be finalised and that due note should be taken of these considerations before finalising the names.

Duties of Whips and Secretaries were also discussed. Whips, according to the Leader, were responsible for sending names to the Speaker, for keeping a list of those who have not spoken so far and keeping in touch with other Party Whips and trying to obtain their support as and when we may be participating in the elections for committees etc. The Whips should keep a note of the names of Members present in Delhi and those who at a particular time are out of Delhi. The Members in this connection are requested to give intimation to the Whips before leaving the station.

As for the Secretaries, they were expected to keep watch over the proceedings in the House, issue notices of meetings, prepare agenda, and keep themselves in touch with the Leader and Deputy Leader for day-to-day problems concerning the Parliamentary work. They are expected to keep themselves in close touch with the Members and also where they have any complaints of any nature so that such complaints may be brought to the notice of the Leader and Deputy Leader and the Executive Committee.

The Leader explained to the Members that they were free to give notices of question, starred and unstarred, short notice questions, calling attention notices, cut motions, on their own initiative, but the Members were required to take permission of the Party before tabling adjournment and no confidence motions. As for the Bills also, they must consult the Party before moving the same as they were likely to involve policy matters.


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I have taken the trouble of discussing with as many individual members as possible their preferences in regard to the demands for grants on which they wish to speak. As a result, the following picture emerges. There are several Ministries where more members wish to speak than there is time. There are other Ministries where it is found possible to get a consensus.

The Ministries in regard to which there is a broad agreement are the following:

Home	52 minutes	Mr. P.K. Deo Mr. C.C. Desai Nawabzada Rampur
External Affairs	35	Mr. M.R. Masani Prof. Ranga
Labour & Rehabilitation	18	Mr. S. Xavier
Petroleum & Chemicals	18	Prof. R.K. Amin
Transport	18	Mr. M.R. Masani
Steel, Mines & Metals	20	Mr. J. Mohd. Imam
Education	25	Mr. J. Mohd. Imam Prof. R.K. Amin
Information & Broadcasting	18	Mr. P.N. Solanki
Tourism & Civil Aviation	15	Mr. K.P. Singh Deo
Defence	35	Mr. N. Dandekar Mr. Giriraj Saran Singh
Health & Family Planning	35	Mr. S.K. Tapuriah
Works, Housing & Supply	15	Mr. Piloo Mody
Irrigation & Power	18	Prof. Ranga
Atomic Energy		Maharaja P.K. Deo

In regard to other topics there are more speakers than time. These are the following:

Industrial Development and Company Affairs	18	Mr. C.C. Desai Mr. D. Patodia Mr. N.K. Smani Mr. K.P. Singh Deo
Food & Agriculture	50	Mr. K.M. Kaushik Mr. D.N. Patodia Mr. C. Muthuswamy Mr. Manubhai Amersey
Planning		Mr. Manubhai Amersey Mr. D.N. Patodia Mr. R.K. Amin
Commerce	18	Mr. M.K. Nanja Gownder Mr. S.K. Tapuriah Mr. D.N. Patodia Mr. Manubhai Amersey
Communications	18	Mr. S. Xavier, Nawabzada Mr. A. Dipa, Mr. K.P. S