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GENERAL SECRETARY'S LETTER NO. 218

Dear friend,

General Secretary's Letter No. 216 conveyed to you the results of the election of the Office Bearers and members of the new National Executive. You would have noticed that the following five were elected Joint Secretaries --

Dr. H. V. Hande, MLA
Mr. Hari Har Patel, MLA
Prof. R. K. Amin, MP
Mr. N. K. Somani, MP
Mr. Madhu Mehta

2. On the last occasion, we elected four Joint Secretaries but, this time the Executive decided to elect five to cope with the increased work particularly in the context of the present situation where time is of the essence and the Party organisation needs to be geared up quickly to meet the challenge.

3. We settled down to work immediately. The President and I sat with the Joint Secretaries on December 28 itself and discussed organisational matters. Arising out of the discussions, the following broad divisions of geographical areas and fields of activity were decided upon :

(i) Geographical areas

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| (a) Mr. Harihar Patel | .. Assam, Bihar, Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa. |
| (b) Dr. H. V. Hande | .. Mysore, Andhra, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. |
| (c) Prof. R. K. Amin | .. Gujarat |
| (d) Mr. N. K. Somani | .. Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh |
| (e) Mr. Madhu Mehta | .. Maharashtra. |

(ii) Field of Activities

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| (a) Prof. R. K. Amin | .. Preparation of background papers on matters dealing with economic policy. |
| (b) Mr. Madhu Mehta | .. Development of cadres and constructive work. |

4. The task of the Joint Secretaries will be two-fold :

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| (a) | In States with little or no Party organisation at all like Assam, Bihar, Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and the various Union territories, their work will be to undertake a survey of the organisational problems; set up Ad-Hoc Committees and help them in setting up Party Units at the district level. |
| (b) | In the organised States, the Joint Secretaries will act as a liaison between the State/Regional Units concerned and the National Headquarters and act as advisers and give guidance to the office bearers in such States. |

5. In order that the relationship between the Joint Secretaries and the Office Bearers in organised States may be most fruitful and beneficial to the Party, the following steps for an effective liaison between them be borne in mind :

- ✓ (a) the Joint Secretary concerned should be invited to meetings of your State/Regional Council, State/Regional Committees and Parliamentary Boards;
- ✓ (b) the Joint Secretary concerned should be kept posted with the Minutes of these meetings as and when they are held;
- ✓ (c) the Joint Secretary concerned should receive (for his information) copies of correspondence addressed by your Unit to the General Secretary/National Headquarters so that the former can keep himself abreast of all the latest developments;
- (d) The National Headquarters similarly should keep the Joint Secretaries posted with copies of their correspondence with the concerned State Units for the information of the respective Joint Secretaries :

Note :

However, any comments that a Joint Secretary may wish to make in respect of such correspondence should be addressed to the National Headquarters, and not to the State/Regional Unit concerned.

- (e) Joint Secretaries should keep the States falling within their jurisdiction, as also the National Headquarters, posted with their tour programme from time to time .

6. The Joint Secretaries have been elected to assist the General Secretary; and they are also at the disposal of the State/Regional Committees. A complaint has been frequently made that there is little or no directive from the National Headquarters. I do hope that the Joint Secretaries who have been deputed to work with the various units will be able to dispel this notion and be of assistance in developing the Party in your State/Region. The efficacy of the Joint Secretaries is almost entirely dependent upon the extent of cooperation that you extend to them. They cannot function in a vacuum or in a climate of indifference.

7. I am fully confident that the Units concerned will take full advantage of this facility made available to them by the General Council of the Party.

Yours sincerely,

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