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Mr. Masani

Sub : Your Rajkot Programme

Pramod Kalyani got in touch with me on the night of the 25th and communicated to me the following tentative programme that has been decided upon at a meeting of Party representatives from the various districts of Saurashtra held in Rajkot on the 23rd :

Saturday, 7th February : 11:15 hours - All Party Reception (excluding of course the Communist and the Indira Group) led by the Municipal President of Rajkot.

-- Procession

-- Luncheon hosted by the Rajkot District Swatantra Party, the invitees being those representatives of the Party who come from outside Saurashtra + local dignitaries who form the Reception Committee.

2 -- 4 pm Sammelan in a Hall. (Mr. H.M. Patel has been requested to take the Chair)

4:15 pm Chamber of Commerce reception

6:30 pm Public meeting at Dhebar Chowk under the Presidentship of Mr. Babubhai Shah. Speakers from other parties (excluding communist and Indira Group) will participate.

-- pm Dinner hosted by Kathiawad Gymkhana + one other organisation.

Sunday, 8th February Morning Khedut Sammelan at Anrell

Night Public meeting at either Bhavnagar or Junagadh

Monday, 9th February Morning Press Conference

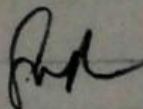
13:15 hours Departure Rajkot

You will notice that you spend only the whole of the 7th and the morning of

the 9th in Rajkot proper. When I questioned Pramod Kalyani about this, he said that the idea was that as they had enlisted the cooperation of other Party Units in Saurashtra and since this is really an All-Saurashtra affair, they would like to share your visit with the others. Hence, the Khedut Sammelan at Amreli and the Public Meeting at Bhavnagar or Junagadh.

I think once in a way such a visit, - crossing the Rajkot frontiers - is useful and I don't think you should insist on any visit to any of the Talukas or Villages. Pramod is coming to Ahmedabad on the 1st to meet you and finalise the programme. I told him that since I would be there, all three of us could sit down and settle the matter.

Regarding your Report, (Arthe Raste) Pramod told me that the plan was to distribute it at the Sammelan in Rajkot on the 7th afternoon and some at the Khedut Sammelan at Amreli on the 8th.



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