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ALL INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTEE 1925

The following resolutions were passed by the all India Congress Committee,
at Patna, on 22nd and 23rd September, 1925.

The Committee stood up in silence as a mark of respect to the memories of
Deshbandhu C. R. Das and Sir Surendranath Banerjea. The members
resumed their seats after one minute.

1. *A.*—In view of the fact that there is a demand from a
considerable section in the Congress for a
revision of the franchise and there is a general
consensus of opinion that having regard to the present situation the
franchise should be extended, the All India Congress Committee
resolves that Article VII of the Congress Constitution be repealed
and replaced by the following :—

Article VII.

- (i) Every person not disqualified under Article IV and paying a subscription of 4 annas per year in advance, or 2000 yards of evenly spun yarn of his or her own spinning, shall be entitled to become a member of any primary organisation controlled by a Provincial Congress Committee. Provided that no person shall be a member of two parallel Congress organisations at one and the same time.
- (ii) The yarn subscription mentioned in sub-section (i) shall be sent direct by the spinner to the Secretary, All India Spinners' Association or to any person nominated by the Secretary in this behalf, and a certificate from the Secretary, All India Spinners' Association to the effect that he has received 2000 yards of evenly spun yarn of the holder's own spinning as his or her yearly subscription shall entitle the holder to the membership mentioned in sub-section (i) hereof. Provided that for the purpose of checking the accuracy of the returns made by the All India Spinners' Association or any subordinate organisation thereunder and provided further that in the event of any inaccuracy or error discovered by the inspecting body in the accounts, stock or vouchers examined, the certificates issued by the All India Spinners' Association in respect

of persons with reference to whose membership the accounts have been examined, shall be declared cancelled; provided that the All India Spinners' Association or the person disqualified shall have the right of appeal to the Working Committee. Any person wishing to spin for the membership of the Congress may, if he or she desires, be supplied upon due security with cotton for spinning.

- (iii) The year of the membership shall be reckoned from the 1st January to 31st December and there shall be no reduction in the subscription to be paid by members joining in the middle of the year.
- (iv) No person shall be entitled to vote at the election of representatives or delegates or any committee or sub-committee or any Congress organisation whatsoever, or to be elected as such, or to take part in any meeting of the Congress or Congress organisation, or any committee or sub-committee thereof, if he has not complied with sub-section (i) hereof or does not wear hand-spun and hand-woven khaddar at political and Congress functions or while engaged in Congress business. The Congress expects congressmen to wear khaddar also on all other occasions and in no case to use or wear foreign cloth.
- (v) All the existing members at the end of the year shall be entitled to remain such up to the 31st January following although they may not have paid their subscription for the new year.

Saving Clause :—

Sub-section (i) shall not affect the rights of those who have been already registered as members under the Article repealed provided their membership is otherwise in order, and provided further that those who shall have paid yarn subscription whether of self-spun or hand spun yarn up to September 1925, shall be entitled to remain members for the current year though they may not pay any further yarn.

B.—Whereas the Congress in its 39th session held at Belgaum endorsed an agreement entered into between Mahatma Gandhi on the one hand, and Desbhandhu C. R. Das and Pandit Motilal Nehru, acting on behalf of the Swaraj Party, on the other, whereby the Congress activity was restricted to the constructive programme mentioned therein and it was provided *inter alia* that "the work in connection with the Central and Provincial Legislatures should be carried on by the Swaraj Party on behalf of the Congress and as an

integral part of the Congress organisation and that for such work the Swaraj Party should make its own rules and administer its own fund"; and

Whereas subsequent events have shown that this restriction should not continue under the altered circumstances that face the country and that the Congress should henceforth be a predominantly political body;

It is resolved that the Congress do now take up and carry on all such political work as may be necessary in the interest of the country and for this purpose do employ the whole of the machinery and funds of the Congress, save and except such funds and assets as are specially earmarked and such funds and assets as belong to the All India Khaddar Board and Provincial Khaddar Boards which shall be handed over with all existing financial obligations to the All India Spinners' Association started by Mahatma Gandhi as an integral part of the Congress organisation but with independent existence and full powers to administer these and other funds for the fulfilment of its object.

Provided that the work in connection with the Indian and Provincial Legislatures shall be carried on in accordance with the policy and programme laid down by the Swaraj Party under the Constitution framed by the Party and the rules made thereunder subject to such modifications made by the Congress as may be found necessary from time to time for the purpose of carrying out the said policy.

II The All India Congress Committee accepts the recommendation of the Working Committee that the Auditor for 1925. Treasurer be authorised to appoint the auditor for 1925.

III. In the opinion of the All India Congress Committee the Burma Expulsion of Offenders Bill. expulsion of offenders bill now before the Legislative Council of Burma, which seeks to authorise the expulsion from Burma of non-Burmans who have been convicted of certain criminal offences or ordered to furnish security for good behaviour, though general in character seems principally aimed at Indians resident in Burma. The Bill renders insecure the position of Indians residing in Burma for trade or otherwise, and puts an affront upon them implying as it does that there must be many bad characters among the Indian residents requiring the drastic course of expulsion provided for in the Bill. The Bill moreover ignores the fact that Burma is part of British India in that it discriminates against its non-Burman inhabitants. The Bill whilst seemingly protecting Indians domiciled in Burma in effect affords no protection inasmuch as the term domicile is too vague as is well-known to all connected with law, and as has been clearly pointed out by one of the members of the Select Committee appointed by the Burma Legislative Council to examine and report upon it.

IV. The All India Congress Committee expresses its deep sympathy with the Indian Settlers in South Africa in their troubles and assures them of all the support that it is within the power of the Congress to give them to maintain their position and self-respect in South Africa. In the opinion of the All India Congress Committee India should not become a party to any scheme of repatriation whether described as voluntary or compulsory. The Committee is further of opinion that the bill proposed to be passed by the Union Parliament is manifestly in breach of the settlement of 1914. The All India Congress Committee suggests to the Congress organisations to call public meetings of all parties on the 11th day of October, 1925 to protest against the treatment meted out to the Indian Settlers in South Africa.

V. The All India Congress Committee notes with great regret and resents the action of the United States Government, in obedience to dictation from influential people in Great Britain, in forbidding on the ground of his political opinions the entry of Mr. Shapurji Saklatvala, M. P. into the United States as a member of the British Parliamentary delegation to the Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, as an outrage against democratic principles.

VI. This meeting of the All India Congress Committee expresses its sympathy with the Chinese in their struggle against alien domination of their land. This meeting further records its most emphatic protest against the despatch of Indian soldiers by the Government of India to suppress the Chinese national movement of freedom.

VII. Resolved that the following be referred to the Working Committee:—

- Other Matters.
- (1) Syt. Satcowripati Roy's resolution on the Congress ideal of Swaraj.
 - (2) Syt. Janki Prasad Begarhotta's resolution protesting against the French Governments ban on Mr. M. N. Roy and others.
 - (3) Syt. Girjamohan Sanyal's resolutions on the National Flag and publication of reports of Calcutta and Delhi Special Congress sessions.
 - (4) The resolution of Syt. M. B. Kabboor and others on boycott of British cloth.
 - (5) Syt. Dunichand's and Syt. Punyanand Jha's resolutions on the Tazim and Hindu Sabha movements.

The following resolutions were passed by the All India Congress Committee at Cawnpore on the 24th December, 1925:

- I. That the report of the Bodh Gaya Temple Enquiry Committee be referred to the Subjects Committee of the Congress.
- Bodh Gaya.

II. That the decision of the Working Committee regarding the validity of the list of Ajmer delegates to the Congress be confirmed.

The following resolutions were passed by the All India Congress Committee at Cawnpore on the 29th December, 1925 after the Sessions of the Congress :—

I. Resolved that the following do constitute the Working Committee of the A. I. C. C. for 1926 :

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

President

Srimati Sarojini Naidu

Treasurers

Syt. Revashanker Jagjivan Javeri

Syt. Jamnalal Bajaj

General Secretaries

Dr. M. A. Ansari

Syt. A. Rangaswami Iyengar

Pt. K. Santanam (Lahore)

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mahatma M. K. Gandhi

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

Pandit Motilal Nehru

Lala Lajpat Rai

Maulana Mohammad Ali

Syt. S. Srinivasa Iyengar

Syt. J. M. Sen-Gupta

Syt. M. V. Abhyankar

Syt. Jamnadas M. Mehta.

II. Resolved that the following persons do constitute the Election Disputes Panel required by Article XXXII of the Constitution :—

Syt. Gangadhar Rao Deshpande

Dr. B. S. Moonje

Syt. Ganesh Shanker Vidyarthi

Syt. Rajendra Prasad

Syt. Kiran Sankar Roy

Syt. T. C. Goswami

Syt. Srikrishendas H. Lulla

Dr. Satyapal

Maulvi Syed Murtaza Sahab

Syt. D. V. Gokhale

Syt. R. K. Shanmukham Chetty

Syt. N. S. Marathey

III. That the consideration of the report of Syt. Rajendra Prasad on Bodh Gaya be deferred till the next A. I. C. C. meeting and in the meantime persons or bodies who might wish to make any representation on the report be invited to send in the same to the office of A. I. C. C.

IV. That Dr. M. A. Ansari, one of the General Secretaries, be entrusted with the organisation of the Foreign Department of the Congress with the assistance of Lala Lajpat Rai and Syt. T. C. Goswami, and also of Pandit Benarsidas Chaturvedi especially in the work of the department relating to the Indians in the colonies.

Resolved that the under-mentioned persons do constitute the Special Committee in terms of resolution 7 of the Congress :

Special Committee.			
Andhra	..	..	Syt. T. Prakasam Syt. D. Gopalakristnayya
Assam	..	..	Syt. Tarun Ram Phukan
Behar	..	..	Maulana Mohammad Shafee Babu Brajakishore Prasad Babu Sri Krishna Sinha
Bengal	..	..	Syt. Satcouripati Roy Syt. Kiran Sanakar Roy Syt. T. C. Goswami Wahid Husain Sahab
Bombay	..	..	Syt. M. R. Jayakar
Burma	..	..	Syt. V. Madanjit
Berar	..	..	Syt. A. S. Aney
C. P. Hindustani	..	..	Seth Govinddas
C. P. Marathi	..	..	Dr. B. S. Moonje
Delhi	..	..	Hakim Ajmal Khan Sahab
Gujrat	..	..	Syt. Vallabhbai J. Patel
Karnatak	..	..	Syt. S. V. Kaujalgi
Kerala	..	..	Syt. Krishna Menon
Maharashtra	..	..	Syt. N. C. Kelkar Syt. D. V. Gokhale
Punjab	..	..	Lala Duni Chand (Ambala) Aga Safdar Sahab Dr. Satyapal Sardar Sardul Singh Caveeshar
Sindh	..	..	Dr. Choithram P. Gidwan
Tamil Nad	..	..	Syt. S. Satyamurti Syt. R. K. Shanmukham Chetty Dr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu
U. P.	..	..	Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru Syt. Govind Vallabh Pant Maulana Shaukat Ali Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya
Utkal	..	..	Syt. B. Das

Note: The President was empowered to nominate the representative for Ajmer later on.

VI. This meeting of the A. I. C. C. is emphatically of opinion that whereas it is essential to arrange immediately for the relief of the political sufferers,

Prisoner's Relief.

prisoners and exiles and their families, this meeting of the A. I. C. C. resolves that a sub-committee appointed by the Working Committee should immediately arrange to collect and distribute funds for the relief of such sufferers and their families and to take other necessary steps in connexion therewith.

VII. The Working Committee do frame rules to govern the election of delegates to the Congress and the conduct of proceedings during the Congress Sessions and put up these rules before the next A. I. C. C. meeting for its sanction under Article XXXI of the constitution.

VIII. The All India Congress Committee invites all Provincial Congress Committees to take special measures for the abolition of Begar in their jurisdiction.

WORKING COMMITTEE 1925

Resolutions passed by the Working Committee at Delhi on
January 27th and 29th, 1925 :—

I. Resolved that the president do draft and issue instructions regarding the working of the spinning franchise.

II. Resolved that Rs. 2,200 paid last year under the president's order for office expenses be sanctioned.

III. The following budget for 1925, was approved :—

	Rs.
(i) Establishment	8,900
(ii) Postage and telegrams	1,200
(iii) Printing and stationery	2,000
(iv) Travelling expenses	2,000
(v) House rent and electric charges	600
(vi) Miscellaneous	800
Total	Rs. 15,500

IV. Printing charges of the book "Indian National Congress 1920-23" were sanctioned.

V. Punjab Relief Fund accounts were placed before the Committee together with letter No. 9518, dated 26-11-24 from Secretary, Punjab Provincial Congress Committee. The Committee resolved that all the funds be transferred to the All India Congress Committee

and Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya be requested to supply details with regard to the proposals made by him for utilizing the balance of the funds.

VI. Letters Nos. 8073 and 739, dated 20th October, 1924 and 23rd January, 1925 from the Secretary, Punjab Provincial Congress Committee containing the accounts of the Akali Civil Resisters Relief Fund were placed before the Committee. Resolved that Sardar Mangal Singh be requested to get proper accounts from the S.G.P.C. and to place them before the Working Committee after having them audited.

VII. Treasurer's letter No. 56, dated 15th December, 1924 regarding the accounts of the Civil Disobedience Enquiry Committee was considered and it was resolved that the accounts be passed.

VIII. The Nagpur Congress delegation fee account was considered and it was resolved that the matter be placed before the All India Congress Committee and that the secretary do communicate with the chairman and secretary of the Nagpur Reception Committee,

IX. Letter, dated 11th December, 1924 from the Secretary, Kerala Provincial Congress Committee regarding disposal of the balance of the Malabar Relief Fund was placed before the Committee. Resolved that the balance cannot be utilized either for purposes of litigation or printing and must be remitted to the All India Congress Committee. A report of the work done should be sent to the All India Congress Committee.

X. Letter, dated 30th August, 1924 from the treasurer, All India Congress Committee regarding the accounts of the Congress Employment Bureau was considered. Resolved that the accounts be passed.

XI. The treasurer's letter, dated 19th September, 1924 relating to the balance of the Bombay Special Congress Funds was placed before the Committee. Resolved that the treasurer do request the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee to pay the interest from 1-3-1921 to 19-11-1923, as suggested.

XII. The secretary informed the Committee that the loan of Rs. 9,000 taken by the All India Congress Committee from the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee for the Empire Goods Boycott Committee had been repaid to the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee. It was resolved that Mr. Shuaib Qureshi do communicate with the convener of the Empire Goods Boycott Committee regarding the accounts of Rs. 1,000 given to him for the expenses of the committee.

XIII. Resolved that the expenses incurred by the members of the Akali Repression Enquiry Committee be paid provided that the sum so paid shall not exceed Rs. 1,000.

XIV. Resolved that the rent to be charged from the Reception Committee of the Congress for the use of the Congress pavilion be Rs. 5,000.

XV. The Committee considered the correspondence regarding the Delhi Special Congress delegation fees. The secretary of the Reception Committee was present and made a statement to the Committee. It was resolved that the sum of Rs. 9,115 due from the Reception Committee be treated as a grant and as a contribution from the All India Congress Committee towards the expenses of the Delhi Special Session.

XVI. Resolved that the expenses incurred by the secretaries of the All India Congress Committee in travelling on Congress business be paid by the office of the All India Congress Committee under the amount budgetted for travelling expenses.

XVI. The committee considered the correspondence regarding the amounts due from the U. P. Provincial Congress Committee with the treasurer's reports, dated 15-12-24 and 16-10-24 respectively. Resolved that the amounts due from the U. P. Provincial Congress Committee to the All India Congress Committee be treated as a grant.

XVII. Syt. B. F. Bharucha's report, dated 7th October, 1924 on the Hyderabad Khaddar loan was considered. Resolved that Mr. V. R. Naik do return to the All India Congress Committee the balance with him and that Mr. Shuaib Qureshi communicate with Mr. Badrul Hassan and ask him to send an explanation of the item of Rs. 5000 shown as an advanced to Mr. Nizamuddin.

XVIII. The proposal to have a Congress Overseas Department was considered and it was decided that no action be taken in regard to it.

XIX. Dr. Sathaye's report, dated 21st December, 1924, about the work of the Labour Sub-Committee was placed before the Committee and it was decided to take no further action in the matter.

XX. Syt. C. Vijayaraghavachariar's letter, dated 17th November, 1924, regarding the Congress reports with him, was considered. It was resolved to refer the matter to Syt. Vithalbhai J. Patel for enquiry in terms of the above letter.

XXI. The application of the Hindustani Seva Dal for a grant of Rs. 2,000 was considered. Resolved that the secretary of the Dal be asked to state how it is proposed to spend this sum and also to send an account of how the previous grant of Rs. 1,000 was utilised.

XXII. The question as to whether Jamshedpur and the district of Singhbhum should remain in Behar province or Utkal province was considered. Resolved that a Committee consisting of Syt. Rajendra Prasad, Syt. Gopabandhu Das and Syt. Raghavendra Rao be formed to enquire into and finally settle the matter. This Committee should also consider and settle the dispute between the Utkal Provincial Congress Committee and the Sambalpur D. C. C.

XXIII. Resolved that a committee consisting of Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Motilal Nehru and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad be formed to devise a scheme for a joint Hindu-Muslim organisation to eliminate communal differences and promote national feeling among the various communities of India.

XXIV. The application of the C. P. Marathi Provincial Congress Committee for a grant of Rs. 5,000 was considered. Resolved that no grant be given.

XXV. Pandit Benarasi Das Chaturvedi's letter, dated 22nd January, 1925, was considered and it was resolved to appoint a committee consisting of Pandit Tota Ram and Syt. Sampurnanand to enquire into the condition of the returned emigrants at the places mentioned in the letter.

NOTE.

1. The audited accounts of the Delhi Unity Conference were placed before the Committee.

2. The Secretary informed the Committee that the treasurer had received Rs. 8,500 on account of the All India Congress Committee quota of the Belgaum Congress delegation fees.

3. The Secretary informed the Committee that under the terms of resolutions No. 4 of 3rd October, 1924 of the Working Committee, the president and treasurers had appointed Mr. C. S. Patel, B. Com. G. D. A. as auditor and that Mr. Patel had audited the accounts of the Provincial Committees for 1924.

4. The Secretary informed the Committee that in accordance with the ruling of the then president Maulana Mahomed Ali, the name of Hakim Ajmal Khan had been included among the ex-officio members of the A. I. C. C.

Resolutions passed by circulation by the Working Committee :—

I. That the balance of Rs. 250 out of the grant of Rs. 1,000 made to the Assam P. C. C. for the opium Enquiry (Resolution XV, dated 26th June, 1924) be paid to the Assam P. C. C.

II. That the A. I. C. C. quota to be charged from the Punjab P. C. C. for all realisations made in 1922 should be 5%.

III. That a grant of Rs. 2,000 be made to the Hindustani Seva Dal.

IV. That in case actual yarn is not sent in payment of the A. I. C. C. quota of the yarn subscription, the price of yarn should be

calculated at the rate of 6 pies (half an anna) per member per month.

V. That no further enquiry be made in regard to the allegations made about the desecration of shrines in Kashmir and Mr. Shuaib Qureshi's report be put up at the next meeting of the A. I. C. C.

Resolutions passed by the Working Committee on July 16th and 17th, 1925 :—

I. The Working Committee of the Indian National Congress places on record its profound sense of sorrow at the sad and untimely death of Deshbandhu Chitranjan Das, who by his fearlessness, sincerity, unrivalled sacrifices, lofty idealism, profound love of his country and wise and judicious leadership had endeared himself to every community and won the confidence of all sections of the Indian public, and considers his death a national calamity, more so at this the most critical stage in the history of the country. The Working Committee tenders its respectful condolences to Srimati Basanti Devi and her family.

II. The yarn franchise of the Congress was discussed and it was resolved that a meeting of the All India Congress Committee be convened at an early date to consider the advisability of revising the existing franchise.

III. The request of the Tamil Nad P. C. C. for an extension of time for the repayment of the loan of Rs. 15,000 was considered. It was resolved that the loan be transferred to the All India Khaddar Board who will decide the question of extension of time for repayment.

IV. The request of the Tamil Nad Khaddar Board for sanction to retain for general Khaddar work the balance of Rs. 30,000 given on 23rd November, 1921 was considered. The resolution of the Tamil Nad Provincial Executive Committee in regard to this balance was also placed before the Committee. It was resolved that in view of the fact that the original grant was made in the interest of Khaddar work the applications be referred to the A. I. K. B. for final disposal.

V. The resolution of the Andhra P. C. C., dated 23rd May, 1925 requesting that the A. I. C. C.'s quota of the Tilak Swaraj Fund be remitted was considered. Resolved that the Working Committee regrets that it cannot accede to the request of the Andhra P. C. C.

VI. Bombay P. C. C.'s reference (letters, dated 10th and 11th February, 1925) about members not wearing Khaddar attending Congress meetings was considered. Resolved that in the opinion

of the Working Committee it is clear that no one who is not dressed in Khaddar is entitled to take part in Congress proceedings or meetings at which he presents himself in such dress.

VII. Reference from the All India Khaddar Board as to whether persons who are not members of the Congress can be members of Khadi Boards (letter No. 6274, dated 6th June, 1925). Resolved that in the opinion of the Working Committee only members of the Congress can be members of Khaddar Boards.

VIII. On reference from the All India Khaddar Board the committee resolved that the All India Khaddar Board has power to work independently of the Provincial Congress Committees and to establish Khaddar depots, finance Khaddar organisations and do such other work as may be necessary for the increase of Khaddar production and sale; provided that wherever possible the co-operation of the provincial Congress organisations concerned should be secured.

IX. Punjab P. C. C.'s request (letter No. 8460, dated 9th July, 1925) that the balance of the A. I. C. C.'s quota of the Tilak Swaraj Fund due up to the end of 1924 be remitted was considered and it was resolved that the Working Committee regrets that it cannot accede to the request.

X. Resolved that a meeting of the All India Congress Committee be held on October 1st, 1925.

NOTE

The following accounts and papers were laid before the Committee:

- (i) Some minor corrections in the A. I. C. C. office accounts for 1924.
- (ii) A. I. C. C. monthly office accounts from 1st January to 30th June, 1925.
- (iii) Treasurer's statement of accounts from 11th December, 1924 to 30th June, 1925.
- (iv) Statement of realisations and outstandings of the A. I. C. C.
- (v) Seth Jannalal Bajaj's N. C. O. Lawyers Fund Accounts from 1st January, 1921 to 30th November, 1924.
- (vi) Jallianwala Bagh Memorial Account from 1st January, 1924 to 31st December, 1924.
- (vii) The secretary placed before the Committee the fresh correspondence in regard to the Punjab Martial Law Relief Funds.
- (viii) Babu Rajendra Prasad's letter, dated 16th April, 1925 and had *ad interim* report about the Buddha Gaya temple enquiry was placed before the Committee.
- (ix) The secretary informed the committee that no progress had been made in regard to the settlement of the Andhra Utkal and Behar Utkal boundary disputes.

- (viii) The secretary also informed the committee that the Belgaum Reception Committee had delayed the publication of the Belgaum Congress Report greatly and that this report had not yet been published.
- (ix) The monthly Congress membership chart was laid before the Committee.
- (x) The secretary informed the committee that the library of the British Committee of the Congress had come to India and had been lodged for the present in Bombay in charge of the Bombay P. C. C.

Resolutions passed by the Working Committee at Patna, on 22nd Sept., 1925.

- I. The following accounts were placed before the Committee:—
 - (i) T. S. F. accounts from 1st January to 31st August, 1925.
 - (ii) All India Congress Committee office accounts from 1st January to 31st August, 1925.
 - (iii) Printed accounts of T. S. F., 1924.
- II. The printed report of the Belgaum Congress was placed before the Committee, and it was resolved.
 - (i) that in view of the fact that the Belgaum Reception Committee had borne the entire cost of publication of the report, the sale proceeds of the report should be retained by them;
 - (ii) that as the delegates who attended the Congress paid Rs. 10 as delegation fee, the report be sold to them at half price.
- III. The Committee considered the letter of the Belgaum Congress Reception Committee, dated 24-8-25 asking for a deduction of Rs. 800 spent on repairs of the Congress pavilion out of Rs. 5,000 the rent fixed for the same.

Resolved that the deduction be made subject to Secretary, All India Congress Committee, ascertaining whether the repairs were necessary and permanent. Resolved further that in future the Reception Committees should obtain the approval of the Secretary, All India Congress Committee, for effecting such repairs.

IV. Treasurer's letter No. 163, dated 7-9-25 regarding resignation of Mr. Padwekar, the accountant, and temporary appointment of Mr. C. Harivallabh Das Shah in his place, was placed before the Committee.

V. Syt. Vithalbhai J. Patel's letter expressing his inability to arbitrate in the matter of the Congress reports with Mr. Vijjaraghavachariar was considered.

Resolved that Mr. M. S. Aney be requested to act as arbitrator in place of Mr. Patel.

VI. The Committee considered Mr. Gaurishanker Bhargava's correspondence with the Secretary about the charges brought against

Mr. Bhargava by some members of Ajmer Provincial Congress Committee. The Committee accepted the suggestion of the Secretary that an arbitrator be appointed, and accordingly appointed Dr. M. A. Ansari to arbitrate in the matter.

VII. The question of the New Asiatic Bill introduced in the Assembly of the South African Union was considered. It was decided that the 11th October, 1925 be fixed for meetings all over the country to protest against the said bill. It was further resolved that the President (Mr. Gandhi) be requested to draw up a resolution for recommendation to the All India Congress Committee.

VIII. The Committee accepted Pandit Gopabandhu Das's resignation from the sub-committee appointed to enquire into the Sambalpur and Jamshedpur disputes.

IX. The resolution of the Council of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee asking for a remission of the entire 10% yarn quota of the All India Congress Committee for the current year and the correspondence thereon between Secretary, All India Congress Committee, and Secretary, Bengal Provincial Congress Committee, was placed before the Committee. No decision was arrived at.

X. Mr. B. F. Bharucha's letter expressing inability to examine the Gudivada Asrama accounts was considered. Resolved that Mr. Narain Murty of Masulipatam be requested to examine the said accounts.

XI. The Committee was informed of the further realisations made of the balances of the Punjab Relief Funds. In regard to the fixed deposits of the fund standing in the name of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, it was stated by Pandit Malaviya, who was present at the meeting, that he would transfer the receipts to the All India Congress Committee soon.

XII. The Secretary informed the Committee of Mr. V. R. Naik's letter, dated 15th September, 1925 saying that Mr. V. R. Naik had remitted Rs. 2,000 to the Treasurer, All India Congress Committee, in connection with the Hyderabad Khaddar loan accounts. In connection with the recovery of the said loan it was resolved that Mr. Shuaib Qureshi be requested to report as to what the legal position was about the responsibility, joint or otherwise, of Mr. Naik and Mr. Badrul Hassan.

XIII. The question of the appointment of an auditor for 1925 was considered. It was resolved to recommend to the All India Congress Committee that the Treasurer be authorised to appoint the auditor for 1925.

XIV. The Committee considered the question of the Akali Civil Registers Relief Fund account. The Committee was of opinion that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Working Secretary, had full powers to dispose of the matter

XV. The Committee discussed at length the question of the revision of the yarn franchise.

It was resolved to recommend the following resolution to the All India Congress Committee :—

A

In view of the fact that there is a demand from a considerable section in the Congress for a revision of the franchise and there is a general consensus of opinion that having regard to the present situation the franchise should be extended, the All India Congress Committee resolves that Article VII of the Congress Constitution be repealed and replaced by the following :—

Article VII—

- (i) Every person not disqualified under Article IV and paying a subscription of 4 annas per year in advance, or 2,000 yards of evenly spun yarn of his or her own spinning, shall be entitled to become a member of any primary organisation controlled by a Provincial Congress Committee. Provided that no person shall be a member of two parallel Congress organisations at one and the same time
- (ii) The yarn subscription mentioned in sub-section (i) shall be sent direct by the spinner to the Secretary, All India Spinners' Association, or to any person nominated by the Secretary in this behalf, and a certificate from the Secretary, All India Spinners' Association, to the effect that he has received 2,000 yards of evenly spun yarn of the holder's own spinning as his or her yearly subscription, shall entitle the holder to the membership mentioned in sub-section (i) hereof. Provided that for the purpose of checking the accuracy of the returns made by the All India Spinners' Association, the All India Congress Committee or any Provincial Congress Committee or any Sub-Committee thereunder shall have the right to inspect the accounts, the stock and the vouchers of the All India Spinners' Association, or any subordinate organisation thereunder and provided further that in the event of any inaccuracy or error discovered by the inspecting body in the accounts, stock or vouchers examined, the certificates issued by the All India Spinners' Association in respect of persons with reference to whose membership the accounts have been examined, shall be declared cancelled; provided that the All India Spinners' Association or the person disqualified shall have the right of appeal to the Working

Committee. Any person wishing to spin for the membership of the Congress may, if he or she desires, be supplied upon due security with cotton for spinning.

- (iii) The yarn of the membership shall be reckoned from the 1st January to 31st December and there shall be no reduction in the subscription to be paid by members joining in the middle of the year.
- (iv) No person shall be entitled to vote at the election of representatives or delegates of any Committee of Sub-Committee or any Congress organisation whatsoever, or to be elected as such, or to take part in any meeting of the Congress or any Congress organisation or any Committee or Sub-Committee thereof, if he has not complied with sub-section (i) hereof or does not wear hand spun and hand woven khadder at political and Congress functions or while engaged in Congress business.
- (v) All the existing members at the end of the year shall be entitled to remain such up to the 31st January following although they may not have paid their subscription for the new year.

• Saving Clause

Sub-Section (i) shall not affect the rights of those who have been already registered as members under the Article repealed provided their membership is otherwise in order, and provided further that those who shall have paid yarn subscription whether of self-spun or hand-spun yarn up to September 1925, shall be entitled to remain members for the current year though may not pay any further yarn.

B

Whereas the Congress in its 30th Session held at Belgaum endorsed an agreement entered into between Mahatma Gandhi on the one hand and Deshbandhu C. R. Das and Pandit Motilal Nehru acting on behalf of the Swarajya Party on the other, whereby the Congress activity was restricted to the constructive programme mentioned therein and it was provided *inter alia* that 'the work in connection with the Central and Provincial Legislatures should be carried on by the Swarajya Party on behalf of the Congress and as an integral part of the Congress organisation and that for such work the Swarajya Party should make its own rules and administer its own funds' and.

Where as subsequent events have shown that this restriction should not continue under the altered circumstances that face the country and that the Congress should henceforth be a predominantly political body.

It is resolved that the Congress do now take up and carry on all such political work as may be necessary in the interest of the country and for this purpose do employ the whole of the machinery and funds of the Congress, save and except such funds and assets as are specially earmarked and such funds and assets that belong to the All India Khaddar Board and Provincial Khaddar Boards, which shall be handed over with all existing financial obligations to the All India Spinners' Association, to be administered by it on behalf of the Congress and as an integral part of the Congress organisation, but with independent power and existence.

Provided that the work in connexion with the Indian and Provincial Legislatures shall be carried on in accordance with the policy and programme laid down by the Swarajya Party under the constitution framed by the Party and the rules made thereunder subject to such modifications made by the Congress as may be found necessary from time to time for the purpose of carrying out the said policy.

Resolutions passed by the Working Committee at Cawnpore on
23rd December, 1925 and the following days.

I. The following accounts which had been circulated among the members were placed before the Committee :

(i) A. I. C. C. funds accounts from 11th December, 1924 to 30th November, 1925.

(ii) A. I. C. C. office audited accounts from 1st December, 1924 to 31st October, 1925.

(iii) A. I. C. C. office monthly accounts for November 1925.

II. The Secretaries' Annual Report for 1925 was placed before the Committee.

III. The Committee considered the complaint of the Congress Reception Committee regarding election of delegates to the Congress by the Ajmer P. C. C. The General Secretary's report and the other papers regarding the said elections were placed before the Committee. The Committee resolved that the Secretary, Ajmer P. C. C. be again invited to attend the meeting of the Committee to make a statement regarding his side of the case and that the Committee do meet for this purpose at 11 a. m. on December 24th, 1925.

IV. The Committee considered Dr. D. D. Sathaye's complaint against the A. I. C. C. elections in the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee as contained in his letter, dated 13-12-25. The Committee held that a vote already cast was irrevocable and that the particular election to the A. I. C. C. complained against was valid.

V. The Committee was informed of the dispute between Sambalpur D. C. C. and Utkal P. C. C. and was further informed

that Sambalpur D. C. C. had sent up its own list of delegates to the Congress. The Committee was of opinion that the District Congress Committee could not independently elect delegates but could arrange the election of its nominees with Behar or Utkal P. C. C.

VI. Letter from Mr. S. Saklatvala M. P. expressing thanks to the A. I. C. C. on its resolution protesting against U. S. A. Government's ban on him was placed before the Committee.

VII. The Secretary placed before the Committee Mr. M. S. Aney's award regarding the Congress Reports with Mr. C. Vijjaraghavachariar. The award was in favour of Mr. C. Vijjaraghavachariar.

VIII. Regarding the Gudivada depressed classes grant accounts, the Committee was informed of Syt. V. Narayana Murty's letter, dated 2-10-25 expressing inability to investigate the said accounts. The Committee resolved that the consideration of the matter be held over till the Andhra P. C. C.'s report was received.

IX. Sardar Mangal Singh's accounts relating to the Akali prisoners families relief fund were referred for consideration to the next Working Committee.

X. The election of delegates to the Congress by the Ajmer P. C. C. was considered. The Committee passed the following resolution unanimously.

"With the material in possession of the Working Committee the Committee is of opinion that the so-called election of delegates by the province of Ajmer of the 40th Session of the Congress is wholly invalid. We regret to have to give it as our decision that in spite of the Provincial Committee having been warned more than once and the Secretary, Ajmer P. C. C. having received special notice of the Working Committee's intention to hear the case for the Ajmer P. C. C. no one on behalf of the Ajmer P. C. C. has appeared up to 12 noon; but the following reply was received from the Secretary, Ajmer P. C. C. :—

'With reference to your letter No. G96 asking me to submit my statement before the W. C. I regret that I have no time left to prepare my statement, since the note was received at 9 this morning. I should therefore request you to place this matter before the A. I. C. C. when it meets to-day.'

This does not disqualify *ex-officio* delegates from Ajmer."

The President stated that he would make a statement on the subject before the A. I. C. C. that day and inform them of the Working Committee's decision.

XI. After considering some of the recommendations to be made to the Subjects Committee for adoption by the Congress, the Committee adjourned and met again on the morning of the 26th. The following resolutions were recommended by the Working Committee to the Subjects Committee for adoption by the Congress:

I.—SOUTH AFRICA.

The Congress extends its cordial welcome to the South Africa Indian Congress deputation and assures the Indian settlers of South Africa of its full support in their unequal struggle against the consolidated forces which threaten their very existence in that sub-continent.

The Congress is emphatically of opinion that the proposed legislation known as the Areas Reservation and Immigration and Registration (Further Provision) Bill is in breach of the Smuts-Gandhi agreement of 1914 in that it is racial in character and is calculated not only to make the position of the settlers much worse than it was in 1914 but is designed to make the residence in the country of any self-respecting Indian impossible.

In the opinion of the Congress if the interpretation of the said agreement as put upon it on behalf of the settlers is not accepted by the Union Government it should be decided by reference to arbitration as was done in 1893 in connexion with the treatment of Indian settlers of the Transvaal in matters arising from the administration of Law 3 of 1885.

The Congress heartily endorses the suggestion that a round table conference containing among others proper Indian representatives should be called to settle the question and trusts that the Union Government will accept that reasonable suggestion. In the event of the proposal for a round table conference and the proposal regarding arbitration failing, the Congress is of opinion that it is the clear duty of the Imperial Government to withhold the royal assent to the Bill should it pass through the Union Parliament.

II.—CONGRESS FRANCHISE.

This Congress approves and confirms Part A of Resolution I of the All India Congress Committee passed at Patna on September 22nd, 1925.

III.—FUTURE PROGRAMME.

This Congress confirms part B of the resolution passed by the All India Congress Committee at its meeting held at Patna on the 22nd September last and resolves that the Congress do now take up and carry on such political work as is necessary in the interest of the country and for this purpose do employ the whole of the machinery

and funds of the Congress save and except such funds and assets as under that resolution have been declared to belong to the All India Spinners' Association and save such funds and assets as may be earmarked.

This Congress reiterates its faith in civil disobedience as the only effective weapon to be used in the last resort to enforce our national claim and vindicate our national honour, and having regard to the fact that the country is not now ready for it this Congress resolves:—

1. That it will undertake such political work as is calculated to prepare or strengthen the people for civil disobedience and will refrain from taking part in any activity tending to retard the progress of such preparation;

2. That the guiding principle in carrying on all political work shall be self-reliance in all activities which make for the healthy growth of the nation and resistance to every activity, governmental or other, that may impede the nation's progress towards Swaraj, and for the purpose aforesaid, this Congress adopts the following programme of political work:

CONSTRUCTIVE WORK.

- (i) The work in the country shall be directed to the education of the people in their political rights and training them to acquire the necessary strength and power of resistance to win those rights by carrying out the constructive programme of the Congress with special reference to popularising the spinning wheel and khaddar, promoting inter-communal unity, the removal of untouchability, ameliorating the condition of the suppressed classes and the removal of the drink and drug evil and shall include the capture of local bodies, the organization of villages and of labour, both industrial and agricultural, the adjustment of relation between the employers of labour and the workmen and between the landlords and the tenants and the general advancement of the national, economical, industrial and commercial interests of the country, both in India and overseas.
- (ii) The work outside the country shall be directed to the dissemination of accurate information in foreign countries.

COUNCIL PROGRAMME.

- (iii) The work in the Legislatures shall be concentrated on the attitude of the Government on the Demand made by the Assembly by its resolutions of the 18th February, 1924 and of the 8th September, 1925 and the following action shall be taken:

(1) The Swaraj Party in the Assembly shall at the earliest opportunity invite the Government to give their final decision on the said Demand and in case no decision is announced before the end of February or the decision announced is held not to be satisfactory by the Working Committee of the Congress, the Party shall by adopting the proper procedure intimate to the Government on the floor of the House that the Party will no longer continue to remain and work in the present Legislatures as heretofore, but will go into the country to work among the people. Thereupon all Swarajist members of the Council of State, the Legislative Assembly and such Provincial Councils as may be in session at the time shall leave their seats and report themselves to the Working Committee for further instructions. The Swarajist members of such Councils as are not in session at the time shall not attend future meetings of the said Councils and shall likewise report themselves to the Working Committee.

(2) No member of the Swaraj Party in the Council of State, the Legislative Assembly or any of the Provincial Councils shall thereafter attend any meeting of any of the said Legislatures or any of their committees except for the purpose of preventing his seat from being declared vacant, or of throwing out budgets and measures involving additional taxation, if and when possible, provided that prior to their being called upon to leave their seats it shall be open to the Swarajist members of the various Legislatures to engage themselves in such activities in their respective Legislatures as are permissible to them under the existing rules of the Party;

(3) The Working Committee shall immediately on receipt of the reports mentioned in sub-clause (1) call a meeting of the All India Congress Committee to frame a programme of work to be carried out by the Congress and the Swaraj Party organisation in co-operation with each other throughout the country;

(4) The said programme of work shall include selected heads of the general work mentioned in clauses (i) and (ii) above, as also the education of the electorates in the policy herein laid down and shall indicate the lines on which the next general election is to be run by and in the name of the Congress and state clearly the issues on which the Congressmen shall seek election, provided that the policy of non-acceptance of the offices in the gift of the Government shall continue to be followed until a satisfactory response to the aforesaid Demand is made by the Government;

(5) In the event of the final decision of the Government on the Demand of the Assembly being found satisfactory and acceptable by the Working Committee, a meeting of the All India Congress Committee shall forthwith be held to determine the future course of action

(6) For the purpose of taking the foregoing steps and until the Swarajists leave the Legislatures, as herein provided, the constitution of the Swarajya Party and the rules made thereunder shall be followed in the Legislatures, subject to such changes as may be made by the Congress or the All India Congress Committee from time to time ;

(7) For the purpose of starting work under sub-clauses (3) and (4) the All India Congress Committee shall allot such funds as it may consider sufficient for the initial expenses of the necessary propaganda in that behalf, but any further funds required for the said propaganda shall be raised by the Working Committee or under its direction, by contributions from the public.

IV.—BENGAL ORDINANCE ACT.

This Congress strongly condemns the abuse of Regulation III of 1818 and the autocratic enactment of the Bengal Ordinance Act, otherwise known as the Bengal Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1925, and the arrest and detention without definite charge and open trial of a large number of patriotic young men of Bengal under the said Regulation and the Act and further condemns their continued incarceration, maltreatment and deportation outside Bengal notwithstanding the clearly and repeatedly expressed opinion of the people both inside and outside the Legislatures.

V.—GURDWARA PRISONERS.

This Congress deeply regrets that the Punjab Government has not yet released the Gurdwara prisoners in spite of the settlement brought about by the Gurdwara Act merely on the technical ground that the Gurdwara prisoners would not give an undertaking which the high-souled prisoners declared to be derogatory to their self-respect. This Congress is of opinion that there will be no proper settlement of the Gurdwara question until the Gurdwara prisoners are unconditionally released.

VI.—EXPULSION OF NON-BURMAN OFFENDERS BILL.

This Congress regards the Expulsion of Non-Burman Offenders Bill and the Tax on Sea Passengers Bill of Burma to be an attack on the liberty of the citizen and in the opinion of the Congress the first Bill imperils the vast interests of Indians resident in Burma inasmuch as it exposes innocent men to the mercy of the executive and is of opinion that the Bills should not receive the viceregal sanction.

VII.—OFFICE-BEARERS FOR 1926.

Resolved that the following office-bearers be appointed for the coming year :—

- (1) Dr. M. A. Ansari (2) Syt. A. Rangaswami Iyengar
(3) Pt. K. Santanam (Punjab)

Treasurers:—

- (1) Seth Revashanker Jagjivan Javeri (2) Seth Jamnalal Baja

CAWNPORE CONGRESS, 1925.

Resolutions passed by the 40th Indian National Congress held at Cawnpore.

1. Condolence.

The Congress places on record its sense of deep sorrow over the deaths of Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das, Sir Surendra Nath Banerjea, Dr. Sir Ramkrishna Gopal Bhandarkar, Syt. S. Krishna Swami Sarma, Syt. V. V. S. Aiyer, and the other patriots who worked for the country's progress in their respective spheres and tenders its respectful condolences to the bereaved families.

2. South Africa.

The Congress extends its cordial welcome to the South Africa Indian Congress deputation and assures the Indian settlers of South Africa of its full support in their unequal struggle against the consolidated forces which threaten their very existence in that sub-continent.

The Congress is emphatically of opinion that the proposed legislation known as the Areas Reservation and Immigration and Registration (Further Provision) Bill, is in breach of the Smuts-Gandhi agreement of 1914 in that it is racial in character and is calculated not only to make the position of the settlers much worse than it was in 1924, but is designed to make the residence in that country of any self-respecting Indian impossible.

In the opinion of the Congress, if the interpretation of the said agreement as put upon it on behalf of the settlers is not accepted by the Union Government, it should be decided by reference to arbitration as was done in 1893 in connexion with the treatment of Indian settlers of the Transvaal in matters arising from the administration of Law 3 of 1885.

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and the arrest and detention without definite charge and open trial of a large number of patriotic young men of Bengal under the said Regulation and the Act and further condemns their continued incarceration, maltreatment and deportation outside Bengal notwithstanding the clearly and repeatedly expressed opinion of the people both inside and outside the Legislatures.

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This Congress regards the Expulsion of Non-Burman Offenders Bill and the Tax on Sea Passengers Bill of Burma to be an attack on the liberty of the citizen. In the opinion of the Congress, the first Bill imperils the vast interests of Indians resident in Burma inasmuch as it exposes innocent men to the mercy of the executive. The Congress is of opinion that the Bills should not receive the Viceregal sanction.

6. Congress Franchise.

This Congress approves and confirms part A of Resolution I of the All India Congress Committee passed at Patna on September 22nd, 1925.

7. Future Programme.

(A) This Congress confirms part B of the Resolution passed by the All India Congress Committee at its meeting held at Patna on the 22nd September last and resolved that the Congress do now take up and carry on such political work as is necessary in the interests of the country and for this purpose do employ the whole of the machinery and funds of the Congress save and except such funds and assets as under that resolution have been declared to belong to the All India Spinners' Association, and save such funds and assets as may be earmarked;

(B) This Congress reiterates its faith in Civil Disobedience as the only effective weapon to be used in the last resort to enforce the national claim and vindicate our national honour, but realizes that

the country is not now ready for it and in view thereof this Congress resolves that the guiding principal in carrying on all political work shall be self-reliance in all activities which make for the healthy growth of the nation and resistance to every activity governmental or other, that may impede the Nation's progress towards Swaraj;

And this Congress adopts the following programme of political work:—

- I. The work in the country shall be directed to the education of the people in their political rights and training them to acquire the necessary strength and power of resistance to win those rights, by carrying out the constructive programme of the Congress with special reference to popularising the spinning wheel and khaddar, promoting inter-communal unity, the removal of untouchability, ameliorating the conditions of the suppressed classes and the removal of the drink and drug evil and shall include the capture of local bodies, the organisation of villages, the promotion of education on national lines, the organisation of labour, both industrial and agricultural, the adjustment of relations between employers and workmen and between landlords and tenants and the general advancement of the national, economical, industrial and commercial interests of the country.
- II. The work outside the country shall be directed to the dissemination of accurate information in foreign countries.
- III. This Congress adopts on behalf of the country the terms of the settlement offered to the Government by the Independent and Swarajya Parties of the Assembly by the resolution passed on the 18th February, 1924 and having regard to the fact that the Government have so far not made any response to the said affair, resolves that the following action shall be taken;

1. The Swaraj Party in the Assembly shall at the earliest opportunity invite the Government to give their final decision on the said terms and in case no decision is announced before the end of February or the decision announced is held not to be satisfactory by a Special Committee consisting of the Working Committee of the Congress and such other members as may be appointed by the A. I. C. C., the party shall, by adopting the proper procedure, intimate to the Government on the floor of the House that the party will no longer continue to remain and work in the present legislatures as heretofore. The Swarajis members of the Legislative Assembly and the Council of State, shall

vote for the rejection of the Finance Bill and immediately after, leave their seats. The Swarajist members of such provincial councils as may be in session at the time shall also leave their seats and all members of the various legislatures so leaving their seats shall report themselves to the Special Committee aforesaid for further instructions. Swarajist members of such councils as are not in session at the time shall not attend further meetings of the said councils and shall likewise report themselves to the Special Committee.

2. No member of the Swarajya Party in the Council of State, in the Legislative Assembly or any of the Provincial Councils shall thereafter attend any meeting of any said Legislatures or any of their committees except for the purpose of preventing his seat from being declared vacant and of throwing out the Provincial Budget or other measure involving fresh taxation.

Provided that prior to their being called upon to leave their seats it shall be open to Swarajist members of the various Legislatures to engage themselves in such activities in their respective Legislatures as are permissible to them under the existing rules of the party.

Provided also that it shall be open to the Special Committee to allow the Swarajist members of any Legislature to attend the said Legislature when such attendance is in its opinion essential for some special or unforeseen purpose.

3. The Special Committee shall immediately on receipt of the Reports mentioned in sub-clause (i) call a meeting of the All India Congress Committee to frame a programme of work which shall be carried out by the Congress and Swarajya Party organisations in co-operation with each other throughout the country.

4. The said programme of work shall include selected heads of the general work mentioned in clauses I and II above as also the education of the electorates in the policy herein laid down and shall indicate the lines on which the next general election is to be run by and in the name of the Congress and state clearly the issues on which Congressmen shall seek election.

Provided that the policy of non-acceptance of office in the gift of the Government shall continue to be followed until in the opinion of the Congress a satisfactory response to the terms of settlement aforesaid is made by the Government.

5. This Congress hereby authorizes the executive of the several Provincial Congress Committees as to select candidates for the provincial Legislative Councils and the Indian Legislative Assembly in their provincial areas for the general elections next year as early as possible.

6. In the event of the final decision of the Government on the terms of settlement offered in the resolution of the Assembly

aforsaid being found satisfactory and acceptable by the aforsaid Special Committee, a meeting of the All India Congress Committee shall forthwith be held to confirm or reject the decision of the Special Committee and to determine the future course of action.

7. Until the Swarajists leave the Legislatures as herein provided, the constitution of the Swarajya Party and the rules made thereunder shall be followed in the Legislatures subject to such changes as may be made by the Congress or the All India Congress Committee from time to time.

8. For the purpose of starting the work referred to in sub-clauses (3) and (4), the All India Congress Committee shall allot such funds as it may consider sufficient for the initial expenses of the necessary propaganda in this behalf, but any further funds required for the said purpose shall be raised by the Working Committee or under its directions by contributions from the public.

8. Hindustani.

This Congress resolves that the proceedings of the Congress, the All India Congress Committee and the Working Committee shall ordinarily be conducted in Hindustani; the English language or any provincial language may be used if the speaker is unable to speak in Hindustani or whenever necessary;

Proceedings of the Provincial Congress Committees shall ordinarily be conducted in the language of the province concerned. Hindustani may also be used.

9. Foreign Department.

The Indian National Congress authorises the All India Congress Committee to open a Foreign Department under it to look after the interests of Indians abroad and to carry on educative propaganda in the country regarding their position in the British Empire and foreign countries.

10. Retiring Secretaries.

The Congress places on record its grateful appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the General Secretaries Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, Syt. B. F. Bharucha and Shuaib Qureshi Saheb.

11. Office-bearers for 1926.

Resolved that the following office-bearers be appointed for the coming year:—

General Secretaries:—

- (1) Dr. M. A. Ansari. (2) Syt. A. Rangaswami Iyengar.
(3) Pt. K. Santanam (Punjab).

Treasurers:—

- (1) Seth Revashankar Jagjivan Javeri. (2) Seth Jannalal Bajaj.

12. Auditors.

This Congress appoints Messrs. Dalal and Shah of Bombay, Auditors for the next year.

13. Next Session.

This Congress resolves that its next Session be held in Assam.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1925

Presented by the General Secretaries to the All India Congress Committee.

The Annual Report issued by the General Secretaries last year referred to the agreement entered into by Mr. Gandhi, on the one hand, and Deshbandhu C. R. Das and Pandit Motilal Nehru, acting on behalf of the Swarajya Party, on the other. In this agreement it was recommended that certain important changes be made in the Congress programme and franchise. The Belgaum Congress accepted these recommendations and adopted them in full. The programme of non-co-operation was thus suspended as a national programme, except in so far as it related to the refusal to use or wear cloth made, out of India, and the Congress decided to concentrate on the constructive programme. In particular stress was laid on handspinning and khaddar, and a vital change was made in the franchise. The annual subscription of the Congress which used to be four annas now became 24,000 yards of handspun yarn, payable at the rate of 2,000 yards per month. Authority was given to the Swarajya Party to carry on political activities in the Councils on behalf of the Congress.

2. It was hoped that a great impetus would thus be given to the khaddar movement and the new franchise would result in greatly increased handspinning. To a certain extent this impetus was given and progress in the spread of khaddar was made. But the progress was not very marked largely owing to the fact that proper arrangements were not made by most provinces for the enrolment of members under the new franchise. The membership figures in any month being as follows:

Ajmer	19	Delhi	258
Andhra	2,678	Gujrat	1,853
Assam	376	Karnatak	1,124
Behar	1,539	Kerara	174
Bengal	3,169	Maharashtra	700
Berar	222	Punjab	321
Burma	93	Sind	212
C. P. Hindustani	307	Tamil Nadu	2,250
C. P. Marathi	911	U. P.	1,443
Bombay	544	Utkal	146
	Total maximum membership		18,339

Many of the members were in arrears in September but this might have been largely due to an expectation that the franchise would be changed. The franchise was in fact changed by the All India Congress Committee towards the end of September.

3. The committee of the All Parties Conference appointed in November 1924 met in Delhi in the last week of January and

conferred for some time. A sub-committee to consider the Hindu-Muslim problem met from day to day but were unable to come to a satisfactory settlement. The committee was therefore adjourned *sine die* and no subsequent meeting of it has taken place.

4. Hindu-Muslim relation continued to be strained and although no riots comparable to last year's outbreaks took place, much bitterness prevailed. A fracas took place in Panipat and another at Kidderpore near Calcutta. In Delhi and in Allahabad there was considerable tension on the occasion of the Bakrid and the Dasehra respectively, in the latter place the celebration of the Ramlila being abandoned. In Lucknow the breach of last year has not yet been made up or healed. Nagpur, however, afforded a pleasant contrast and a settlement was arrived at with the help of leaders of both communities. The most frequent cause of friction now is the question of playing music before or near mosques. The Delhi Unity Conference considered this question and dealt with it but their decisions appear to be more honoured in the breach than in the observance.

5. Mahatma Gandhi, the President of the All India Congress Committee, toured extensively during the year and wherever he went he laid great stress on the message of the charkha. He began the year by touring in Kathiawad and then went to Vykom in the South to see for himself the Satyagraha that was being offered to assert the right of untouchables to go along the public roads. His presence was very helpful in lessening the gulf between the Satyagrahis and the authorities and in bringing a settlement nearer. He then toured in Tamil Nadu and later in Gujrat.

6. Early in May the President went to the Bengal Provincial Conference at Faridpur presided over by Deshbandhu C. R. Das. He remained in Bengal and visited a large number of districts.

7. On the 16th of June Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das suddenly passed away at Darjeeling. The whole country was deeply grieved and extraordinary and unparalleled demonstrations in his honour took place in Bengal and elsewhere. An appeal for a Bengal Deshbandhu Memorial Fund, for the establishment of a women's hospital in Mr. Das's old home, resulted in the collection of eight lacs of rupees. An All India Deshbandhu Memorial Fund appeal was also issued by a number of distinguished signatories, the fund being earmarked for the propagation of the spinning wheel and khaddar.

So far a little over ninety thousand rupees have been subscribed to this fund.

8. Owing to the death of Deshbandhu Das, Mr. Gandhi cancelled his tour programme in other provinces and stayed on in Bengal, chiefly in Calcutta, to the end of August 1925. He devoted himself

to the collection of funds for the Bengal Deshbandhu Memorial Fund. In September and October he toured in Behar, paid a brief visit to the U. P. and went to Cutch.

9. Soon after the death of Mr. Das another great Indian and Bengalee, a pioneer of Indian nationalism and twice president of the Congress, Sir Surendranath Banerjea passed away. His death was mourned all over the country.

10. Apart from the activities of the All India Congress Committee and to a certain extent of the All India Khadi Board not much work was done on behalf of the Congress during the year. There were very few meetings of the Working Committee and the All India Congress Committee. The latter has only met once so far in 1925, apart from the meeting held in Belgaum on the 28th December, 1924 after the Congress. The Working Committee has actually met 3 times and on one occasion it could not meet for want of a quorum.

11. In September the All India Congress Committee decided to revise the Congress Constitution in anticipation of the sanction of the Congress. Instead of the yarn franchise an alternative franchise was introduced—either four annas per annum of 2,000 yards of selfspun yarn. The Committee further authorised Mr. Gandhi to start an All India Spinners' Association as an integral part of the Congress organisation but with independent existence, and transferred all the assets of the All India Khadi Board and the Provincial Khadi Boards to this Spinners' Association. This association was formed immediately after and it has already taken charge of the All India Khadi Board's assets. It is acting as the agent of the Congress in regard to the spinning members of the Congress.

12. The effect of the September decision has been to change entirely the outlook of the Congress and partly to reverse the process begun in Belgaum. From a body mainly doing constructive and nation building work, it has again become a predominantly political organisation. The Cawnpore Congress will be called upon to consider this vital change made by the All India Congress Committee and, if it so wills, to confirm it.

13. The All India Congress Committee at its September meeting also passed a resolution expressing its sympathy with the Chinese in their struggle against foreign domination and protesting against the despatch of Indian soldiers to suppress the Chinese national movement. The Committee further expressed its deep sympathy with the Indian Settlers in South Africa and fixed the 11th October, as a national day of protest against the treatment meted out to them. Resolutions were also passed against the Burma Expulsion of Offenders Bill, and the action of the United States Government in refusing entry in the United States to Mr. Saklatwala, M. P.

14. The South Africa protest day, October 11th, was celebrated all over India by meetings in which all parties joined. The Anti-Asiatic legislation passed recently and the Class Areas Bill introduced in the Union House of Assembly are definite breaches of the Gandhi-Smuts agreement and they have been resented greatly in India. But the people have been unable to take any effective action owing to their powerlessness. Mr. C. F. Andrews has recently sailed for South Africa and a deputation of India from South Africa.

15. The protracted struggle of the untouchables in Vykom has ended in victory for them and the roads in dispute has been thrown open to them. It was a remarkable test of endurance and peaceful behaviour and the Satyagrahis came out successful. As mentioned above Mr. Gandhi visited Vykom in the early part of the year and his visit greatly eased the situation. The campaign against untouchability was also carried on by him with vigour in Cutch and elsewhere and in some places much opposition was encountered.

16. The Akali situation took a favourable turn during the year and a Gurdwara Act, acceptable in the main to Sikhs, was passed. The restrictions on the performance of the Akhand Patha at Jaito in Nabha State were also removed and a large number of Akhand Pathas were performed there. The Akali prisoners have however not been released by Government and no final settlement can take place so long as a large number of respected Sikhs are in jail. The Government insists on the prisoners giving undertaking which they refuse to give.

17. The persons interned under last year's Bengal Ordinance still continue in internment or in jail in spite of the repeated and unanimous protests of all parties in India. The Ordinance was to be passed as a bill in the Bengal Council. This attempt having failed it was certified by the Governor.

18. The Congress Opium Enquiry in Assam was completed during the year and the report and evidence have recently been published. The report is a detailed and authoritative exposure of the evils of the opium policy of Government. Enquiries are now being carried on in some centres in the Punjab, Andhra and Orissa where the opium habit is prevalent.

19. The Working Committee in January last appointed a committee consisting of Syt. Totaram Sanadhya and Syt. Sampurnanand to enquire into the condition of returned emigrants in Northern India. Some work has been done by this committee but it has not finished its labours yet.

20. The A. I. C. C. meeting held at Belgaum on the 28th December appointed Syt. Rajendra Prasad to investigate the proposals of the Buddhists in regard to the Bodh Gaya temple and asked

him to report within a month. Mr. Rajendra Prasad has not been able to present his final report yet.

21. For some years past there have been disputes between Andhra and Utkal provinces and Utkal and Behar in regard to their boundaries. Committees and individuals have been appointed repeatedly to settle these disputes but they remain unsettled still with the result that people in some of the areas affected do not know who to deal with and sometimes go unrepresented in the Congress.

22. Most of the Provincial Committees have not been working properly and few have sent annual reports. It does not appear in most instances what, if any, collections were made by the provinces. Probably little money was collected by them. All collections for the Deshbandhu Memorials went direct to the central funds and the provinces got no part of them. Early in the year however Bengal under the leadership of Mr. C. R. Das collected 2½ lacs of rupees for village reconstruction work.

23. The All India Khadi Board had a fairly active year. They devoted themselves, with considerable success in some places, to the introduction of efficient business methods in the production and distribution of khadi. The Tamil Nadu Khadi Board in particular have evolved a stable and effective organisation and are producing a large quantity of good khadi which meets with a ready sale in the immediate neighbourhood and elsewhere. They produced khadi worth Rs. 7,05,788 during the year and their sales amounted to Rs. 8,32,846. Their centre Tirupur, has become well known all over India. In Bengal the Khadi Pratishthan has made great progress in all departments of khadi activity and has built up a great organisation with a large staff of efficient workers. In Behar good progress has been made and production and sales have both gone up remarkably—the production being more than double that of last year. Andhra, famous for its fine yarn and beautiful khadi, has not been able to make as much progress as was hoped or to justify the promise of the previous years. But the field is a most fruitful one and with better organisation great progress is certain. The Punjab is steadily but rather slowly increasing its output and improving the quality of its khadi and at the same time reducing its price. Work is also being carried on with some success in Karnatak, U. P., Utkal and Dehli. All these provinces as well as Assam and Rajputana offer immense possibilities for the production of good and cheap khadi and all that is needed is money and efficient workers.

24. Many municipalities and local boards, specially in the United Provinces, have helped the khadi movement by abolishing the octroi duty on khadi and by introducing spinning in their schools. A recent competition in *takli* spinning among the boys of the

Ahmedabad Labour Union schools demonstrated the peculiar fitness of the *takli* for schools.

25. The Belgaum Congress authorised the A. I. C. C. to appoint the auditors for the year, and the A. I. C. C. in September gave this authority to the Treasurer who has appointed Messrs. Dalal and Shah, incorporated accountants, as the auditors of the Committee for the year. The auditors have audited the accounts of the A. I. C. C. office and of a number of Provincial Congress Committees. They are proceeding with their provincial audit.

26. A number of realisations of old dues were made by the A. I. C. C. in the course of the year. The total realisations were Rs. 64,518-10-11. This figure includes Rs. 30,863-3-9 of the Punjab Relief Fund and Martial Law Enquiry report accounts. The Working Committee has decided to keep the Punjab funds earmarked for relief of persons subjected to government repression, the claims of the Punjab receiving priority. A detailed list of realisations is attached.

27. In spite of strenuous efforts to realise all the dues of the All India Congress Committee a great number of outstandings remain. Many of these are bad debts and irrecoverable and the sooner they are written off the better. Of the Punjab funds Rs. 48,031 are still lying with others, Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya holding Rs. 45,842. He has promised to transfer this amount but great delay has taken place in getting this done. Considerable difficulties were experienced in the course of the year in realising the yarn quotas or their equivalents in cash from provinces. The sums involved were small but most of the provinces have yet to pay them. Among these are Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Gujrat, Andhra, Behar and United Provinces.

28. The principal disbursements during the year were the routine ones of the offices of the General Secretary and the Treasurer and the Auditor's charges. The only cash grant made was one of Rs. 2,000 to the Hindustani Seva Dal. Other grants were made to some provinces but the object was to write off some old dues from them.

29. The opening balance with the Treasurer amounted to Rs. 1,55,751-13-3. His closing balance on 30-11-1925 was Rs. 1,74,578-12-2, the latter including Rs. 30,863-3-9 earmarked Punjab funds and Rs. 24,873-7-0 earmarked for other objects. Even including the Punjab earmarked monies the closing balance is not much short of the opening balance. This position is satisfactory specially as no attempts at collecting funds for the All India Congress Committee were made, most of the collections going to the Deshbandhu Memorial funds. In past years a fixed source

of income of the All India Congress Committee has been the half share of the delegates fees. This has now gone since the reduction of the delegate's fee to Re. 1 by the Belgaum Congress. The only other source of income, apart from donations, is the rent of the Congress pavilion is already showing signs of wear and is not likely to last long. The committee will thus be faced with difficulties in the future unless fresh sources of revenue are tapped.

30. During the year the All India Congress Committee received the library of the old British Committee from London. This library contains valuable books and old reports. It is at present lodged in the Congress House in Bombay.

31. A number of books relating to Congress activities were published during the year. The resolutions of the Congress, the All India Congress Committee and the Working Committee passed in 1924 were published in book form under the title "Indian National Congress, 1924." The Belgaum Congress report and the Assam Opium Enquiry report were also published. The All India Khadi Board brought out a valuable Khadi Pratishthan the "Khadi Manual" in two volumes.

32. An audited statement of the receipts and expenditure of the A. I. C. C. office from 1st December, 1924 to 31st October, 1925, is attached to this report. The Treasurer's statements of accounts are also attached as also lists of realisations and outstandings.

ALLAHABAD

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

11th December, 1925.

General Secretary.

This report has only been signed by one secretary as Mr. Shuaib Qureshi is touring in foreign countries and Mr. B. F. Bharucha is unwell.

ALL INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTEE

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from 1st December, 1924 to 31st October, 1925 in the office of the General Secretary, Allahabad.

Receipts.			AMOUNT.		
	Rs.	a. p.	Rs.	a. p.	
I. Opening balance :—					
(a) In hand	151	3 0			
(b) In Bank	601	2 10	752	5 10	
II. Sale proceeds of Congress publications from 1st December, 1924 to 31st October, 1925 excluding postage on V. Ps.:—					
(a) Belgaum Congress reports (to be paid to Belgaum Reception Committee) ..	64	8 0			
(b) Other Congress publications ..	922	12 6	987	4 6	
III. Advance for Congress publications ..			10	0 0	
IV. Received from the Treasurer, A.I.C.C.			15,965	6 0	
V. Received in this office on behalf of the Treasurer :—					
(a) Yarn quota from Delhi P. C. C.	36	1 6			
(b) Part of Punjab Relief Fund transferred from Imperial Bank of India	372	13 0	408	14 6	
VI. Advances recovered or accounted for :—					
Manager, A. L. J. Press ..	300	3 0			
Syt. D. Gopalakristnayya ..	458	9 0			
Secretary, Delhi Unity Conference ..	0	4 0			
Syt. R. K. Nehru	213	12 6			
Srimati Sarojini Naidu ..	650	0 0			
Syt. V. Lakshmikantam ..	30	4 0	1,653	0 6	
VII. Miscellaneous receipts :—					
Uncashed cheque $\frac{AC}{11}$ 5016 on 30th					
November, 1924	47	15 0			
Donation for flood relief ..	5	0 0			
Sale proceeds of furniture with Syt. D. Gopalakristnayya ..	27	14 6			
Price of unused cheques from the Imperial Bank of India ..	0	3 0	81	0 6	
TOTAL ..			10,857	15 20	

ALL INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTEE

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from 1st December, 1924 to 31st October, 1925 in the office of the General Secretary, Allahabad.

Disbursements.		AMOUNT.	
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
VIII. Travelling expenses :—			
Office staff	594 9 6		
General Secretary, Syt. B. F. Bharucha	699 12 9		
" " " Shuaib Qureshi ..	336 4 0		
" " " Jawaharlal Nehru	364 10 3		
Working Committee members (on behalf of the Treasurer, A. I. C. C.)	149 7 0		
Srimati Sarojini Naidu (adjustment of advance made in 1923) ..	650 0 0	2,794 11 6	
IX. Salaries		8,183 10 7	
X. Postage and telegrams		799 0 3	
XI. Printing and Stationery		2,007 5 9	
XII Rents and taxes		535 14 6	
XIII. Miscellaneous :—			
Railway freight of Congress publications and books to Belgaum and back	297 11 0		
Translation charges	93 8 0		
Flood Relief donation sent to U. P.			
Flood Relief Fund	5 0 0		
Other items	318 13 6	715 0 6	
XIV. Library		69 4 0	
XV. Furniture		55 9 0	
XVI. Secretary, Delhi Unity Conference (amount written off)		0 4 0	

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ALL INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTEE

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from 1st December, 1924 to 31st October, 1925 in the office of the General Secretary, Allahabad.

Disbursements.		AMOUNT.	
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
XVII.	Payments to Treasurer, A. I. C. C. :—		
	(a) Donation from Burma ..	3 0 0	
	(b) Sale proceeds of Congress publications up to 31-12-24 ..	428 4 9	
	(c) Do. from 1-1-25 to 31-7-25 ..	781 7 0	1,212 11 9
XVII.	* Advances due on 31-10-25 :—		
	Syt. B. Raja Rau ..	225 0 0	
	„ N. C. Banerjee ..	50 0 0	
	„ Abdul Waheed ..	20 0 0	
	Superintendent, Government Printing, Calcutta ..	24 2 0	319 2 0
XIX.	Closing balance :—		
	(a) In hand ..	133 1 6	
	(b) In Bank ..	3,012 11 6	
	(c) Unrealised cheque ..	19 9 0	3,165 6 0
	TOTAL ..		19,857 15 10

K. B. RAMAKRISHNAIAH,

Accountant.

Examined and found correct.

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU,

General Secretary.

B. RAJA RAU,

Assistant Secretary.

DALAL AND SHAH,

*Incorporated Accountants (London).**A. I. C. C. Auditors.*

* All advances except Rs. 35 out of Rs. 50 shown against Syt. N. C. Banerjee have since been adjusted.

ALLAHABAD

21st November, 1925.

THE ALL INDIA TILAK MEMORIAL SWARAJYA FUND.

*Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from 11th December, 1924
to 30th November, 1925.*

RECEIPTS.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Cash and Investment as on 11-12 24.						
In fixed deposits with banks ..	1,25,000	0	0			
In current accounts with banks ..	20,650	12	6			
In hand	101	0	9			
Tilak Swarajya Fund.				1,45,751	13	3
General	2,974	3	3			
Earmarked	30,863	3	9			
Amount of Provincial quota from the				33,837	7	0
Sind P. C. C.	44	3	9			
Ajmere P. C. C.	3	8	0			
Behar	84	8	6			
Delhi	36	1	6			
Karnatak	120	0	0			
Punjab	42	11	0			
U. P.	15,576	0	6			
Utkal	37	15	3			
Share of Delegate Fees.				15,945	0	0
Belgaum Congress	8,870	5	0			
Delhi	9,315	0	0			
Coconada	75	4	0			
Miscellaneous.				18,260	9	0
Interest	9,821	0	2			
Brokerage	178	15	3			

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THE ALL INDIA TILAK MEMORIAL SWARAJYA FUND

*Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from 11th December, 1924
to 30th November, 1925.*

RECEIPTS.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
British Congress Committee ..	117 9 0	
Sale Proceeds of Congress Publications	1,545 1 11	
Pavilion Rent	4,000 0 0	
Advances accounted for or received.		15,662 10 4
General Secretary, A. I. C. C. ..	17,524 6 1	
East African Deputation account ..	7 12 3	
C. D. Enquiry Committee ..	17,753 8 3	
Boycott Committee	1,000 0 0	
Sikh Repression Enquiry Committee	1,000 0 0	
Unity Conference, Delhi	1,530 13 6	
General Secretary, Madras	56 8 0	
Inspecting Auditor	800 0 0	
Emigrants' Enquiry Committee ..	112 15 3	
Akali Publicity Bureau	6,059 11 0	
Guru-Ka-Bag Enquiry Committee	3,086 4 8	
Assam Opium Enquiry Committee	1,000 0 0	
Assam Workers' Enquiry Committee	540 0 0	
President (Maulana Mahomad Ali) ..	500 0 0	
		50,971 15 0
Grants Refunded		448 4 0
Loans.		
U. P. P. C. C.	40,000 0 0	
Tamil Nadu P. C. C. (A. I. K. B. Adj.)	15,000 0 0	
		55,000 0 0
Total Rs..	..	3,35,877 10 7

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

We beg to report that all our requirements as auditors' have been complied with.

We certify that in our opinion the above return of receipts and disbursements exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the All India Tilak Memorial Swarajya Fund's affairs according to the best of our information and explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the above Fund.

We have examined investments.

70, MEDOWS STREET, FORT,
Bombay, 15th December, 1925.

DALAL & SHAH,
A. I. C. C. Auditors.

THE ALL INDIA TILAK MEMORIAL SWARAJYA FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from 11th December, 1924 to 30th November, 1925.

DISBURSEMENTS.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Grants made to						
Boycott Committee	1,000	0	0			
Delhi Reception Committee	9,115	0	0			
U. P. P. C. C.	55,500	0	0			
Hindustani Seva Dal	2,000	0	0			
Assam Opium Enquiry Committee	1,000	0	0			
Assam Workers' Enquiry	540	0	0			
President's Expenses (Maulana Mahomad Ali) .. .. .	.....			69,155	0	0
Working Committee Expenses .. .. .	.....			1,498	14	6
General Secretary, Madras (Travelling expenses of Dr. Rajan now adjusted) .. .. .	.....			209	7	0
Office Expenses of the General Secretary, All-India Congress Committee as mentioned in his annual Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.				56	8	0
Traveling Expenses, Salaries, Postage and Telegrams,	2,794-11-6	8,183-10-7	799-0-3			
Printing and Stationary, Rent and taxes, Miscellaneous,	2,007-5-9	535-14-6	715-0-6			
Unity Conference, Delhi, 0-4-0 amount written off.			Total.			
			15,035-15-1			

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THE ALL INDIA TILAK MEMORIAL SWARAJYA FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from 11th December, 1924 to 30th November, 1925.

DISBURSEMENTS.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Deduct :—						
Working Committee Expenses .. 149-7-0						
Flood Relief 5-0-0						
Unused cheques 0-3-0						
<u>154-10-0</u>				14,881	5	1
				200	0	0
Expenses for the year 1923 now adjusted					15,081	5 1
Expenses incurred for the removal of the Br. Con. Com. Library .. ..				.....	379	2 6
Inspecting Auditor's Fees and expenses .. ..				.....	970	1 0
Payment of interest on old Bombay P. C. C. Funds to Gujrat Maharashtra, Karnataka and Bombay P. C. Cs. in equal Shares .. ..				.....	1,946	4 0
Bombay P. C. C. Old Fund—adjustment for interest .. ..				.....	1,123	6 6
Treasurer's Office Expenses						
Salaries, 883-12-0	Postage, 38-14-9	Printing and Stationary, 3,818-6-0	Miscellaneous, 33-1-0	.....	4,774	1 9
Sub-Committee Expenses						
C. D. Enquiry Committee				17,753	8	3
Sikh Repression Committee				93	13	0
Akali Repression Committee				308	2	0
East African Deputation Committee				248	4	0
Emigrants' Enquiry Committee				112	12	3
Unity Conference, Delhi				1,480	7	6

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THE ALL INDIA TILAK MEMORIAL SWARAJYA FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from 11th December, 1924 to 30th November, 1925.

DISBURSEMENTS.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Akali Publicity Bureau	6,059	11	0			
Guru Ka Bag En. Committee	3,086	4	8	29,143	1	8
Dead Stock .. .. .	.....			1	14	0
Advances made						
General Secretary, A. I. C. C.	14,667	14	6			
Akali Publicity Bureau	2,628	3	6			
Guru Ka Bag Enquiry Committee	2,586	4	8			
Assam Opium Enquiry Committee	750	0	0			
Emigrant's Enquiry Committee	150	0	0			
Buddha Gaya Enquiry Committee	50	0	0			
Inspecting Auditor	1,100	0	0	21,932	6	8
Loan; All India Khadi Board (Tamil Nadu adjustment) .. .. .	.....			15,000	0	0
Cash and Investments						
In fixed deposits with banks	1,65,135	4	0			
In current accounts with banks	9,453	12	5			
In hand	17	1	6	1,74,606	1	11
Total Rs..			3,35,877	10	7

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C. H. SHAH,
Accountant.

REVASHANKER JAGJIVAN,
Hon. Working Treasurer.

THE ALL INDIA TILAK MEMORIAL SWARAJYA FUND.

The Income and Expenditure Account for the period from 11-12-24 to 30-11-25.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.							
				Rs.	a.	p.					
				Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.		
To Grants				69,155	0	0	By Tilak Swarajya Fund, General ..	2,974	3	3	
To President's Expenses (Maulana M. Ali)				1,498	14	6	By Share of Delegate fees	18,260	9	0	
To Working Committee Exp.				209	7	0	By Miscellaneous Receipts :—				
To Office Expenses of the General Secretary, A. I. C. C. for 1923 adjustment and for the year 1925				15,081	5	1	Interest	7,874	12	2	
To Gen. Sec., Madras (Travelling Exp. of Dr. Rajan)				56	8	0	Brokerage	178	15	3	
To Treasurer's Office Exp.				4,774	1	9	Sale Pro. of books	1,545	1	11	
To Auditor's fees and Exp.				270	1	0	Pav. Rent.. .. .	4,000	0	0	
To British Con. Com. Library Exp. for removal				379	2	6	British Con. Committee.	117	9	0	
To Sub-Committee Exp.				29,143	1	8		13,716	6	4	
				Rs. 1,21,267	9	6	By Refund of Grant	448	4	0	
							By Amt. recd. as quota from Provinces ..	15,945	0	0	
							By Deficit Carried to Balance Sheet ..	69,923	2	11	
								Rs. 1,21,267	9	6	

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EXAMINED AND FOUND CORRECT.

70, MEADOWS STREET,
FORT,
Bombay. 15th Dec., 1925.

DALAL & SHAH,

A. I. C. C. Auditors.

C. H. SHAH,

Accountant.

REVASHANKER JAGJIVAN,

Hon. Working Treasure.

THE ALL INDIA TILAK MEMORIAL SWARAJYA FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1925.

FUNDS AND LIABILITIES.			PROPERTY AND ASSETS.		
	Rs.	a. p.		Rs.	a. p.
GENERAL FUND:—			CASH and investments as shown in the statement of receipts and disbursements		
Last year's balance after adding surplus for that year ..	2,56,179	9 3		L,74,606	1 11
<i>Less</i> deficit for this year ..	69,923	2 11	LOANS:—		
	1,86,256	6 4	C. P. P. C. C. ..	35,000	0 0
			All India Khaddi Board (Tamil Nadu Adj.)	15,000	0 0
				50,000	0 0
EARMARKED FUNDS:—			ADVANCES:—		
Last year's balance	1,072	7 0	Gen. Sec., A. I. C. C.	1,343	8 5
<i>Add</i> this year's Receipts ..	30,863	3 9	Inspecting Auditor	600	0 0
	31,935	10 9	Unity Con., Delhi ..	73	8 0
Civil Disobedience Funds	14,220	0 0	Kerala P. C. C. ..	1,500	0 0
Bombay P. C. C. Old Funds	9,581	0 0	Emigrants' En. Com.	37	0 9
	2,41,993	1 1	Buddha Gaya En. Committee ..	50	0 0
				3,604	1 2
			Dead Stock ..	282	14 0
			Congress Pavilion ..	13,500	0 0
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