

From B. S. Pathik

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Ajmer Letter & Assembly elections.  
A rejoinder.

To

The Editor.,

Hindustan Times., Delhi.

Sir,

I was rather astonished to read the "Ajmer Letters of 29th. July, and 11th. August., 1936 of your correspondent at Ajmer." These were obviously propaganda letters and not too favouring a non-congress candidate in the face of a Congress nominee. I hope you will agree with me when I say that your correspondent has acted unfairly in this matter. At least in the matters which affect the interests of the nation vitally, the newspaper correspondents are duty bound to remain impartial and above party-politics. In such matters it is always safer for them to state bare facts and no comments.

But I do not want to draw your attention to this letter simply because it seems to be designed to create a pessimistic impression on the public mind and thus thwart the spontaneous response which a Congress nominee or the name of the Congress stimulates in the hearts of the people. Neither because as a nationalist journal of repute "Hindustan Times" is never expected to publish anything which can have an adverse effect on the Congress interests. But also because your correspondent has given wrong facts or rather has misconstrued facts in order to support his view. For instance your correspondent says that it is the Muslims and Anglo-Indians who in fact hold the key in Ajmer elections. In fact of this statement I think the following figures will provide an interesting study for you and the public in this connection. Because the strength of the voters in Ajmer-Merwara according to the electoral rolls published so far and according to the divisions made by your correspondent is as under:-

Muslims-Voters in Ajmer who are divided in the solid groups----- 410-

Anglo-Indians \_\_\_\_\_ 20

Hindoes \_\_\_\_\_ 4350.

It is evident from the figures quoted above that even Muslims and Anglo-Indians together cannot in any way hold the key in the Assembly elections. Their scanty number itself makes them powerless to influence even the fate of a particular candidate. It is due to this reason that in the whole era covered by the present reforms not a single Muslim or Anglo-Indian has ever dared to stand for the assembly from this constituency. Nor by any stretch of imagination can one visualise the chances of a candidate from any of these communities unless the present Hindu-Muslim equality of mutual distrust and the position of Anglo-Indians as an appendage to white-ruling class, viz. Indians as a whole, completely changes and a purely nationalistic outlook becomes a reality in all the communities inhabiting this land. In these circumstances if a Muslim or any Anglo-Indian candidate is set up or contemplated to be set up it can be taken merely as a part of strategy in order to divide the votes of a Hindu candidate whom any of these communities may be thought to be supporting collectively.

Of course, as all the bonafide candidates are Hindus the Hindu votes are bound to be divided by the different candidates according to their influences and other circumstances that may present themselves incidentally or be created by the spread schemes of the rival fighters. Nevertheless as the bonafide candidates for the assembly in the field are only three and as the votes cast for Mr. Nagan Kail Bar-at-law who is an an old and regular "stander" for Assembly\* never exceed three hundred, the Muslims and Anglo-Indians can in no way be anticipated to hold the key in this matter.

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The Three Candidates.

As for the assertion of your correspondent that "At present Diwan Bahadur Mr Bilas Sarda seems to have the best chances". I would like to draw your attention to some glaring facts which none should interested in the affair can overlook or underestimate. Needless to say that, but for these propaganda letters of your correspondent I would have never entered into this controversy even reluctantly. However anyone even slightly acquainted with the life of the people of Ajmer-Merwara will corroborate me without hesitation that due to many of his past commissions and omissions Diwan Bahadur Mr Bilas Sarda has become extremely unpopular and it is simply to check him from being elected from Assembly this year that almost all prominent muslims and Aryasamajists have joined hands to support Seth Bhagchand Soni, who otherwise has no qualifications-except money-to claim public support. Besides these facts Mr. Bhag Chand Soni commands no unaccountable influence in the official circle. He is a Treasurer of B.B.&C.I.Ry Co. and many of the Rajputana States, a reputed banker and one of the most favoured citizens of the Local Government. Hence he is bound to share the votes of Anglo-Indians, Christians, Railway Officers, Govt. Officers and other Govt. pets along with Diwan Bahadur Mr Bilas Sarda. In the same way a section of Hindu Muslims is bound to vote for Mr. Sarda because of their antagonism to other muslim group headed by Mr. Abdul Qadir Beig. Thus if in the words of your correspondent, "The congress candidate is not likely to be supported by Muslims and Anglo-Indians" these two communities too are bound to be sharply divided, which will automatically render them incapable of exercising any accountable influence on any side in any event.

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It is evident from the facts stated above that while the above two candidates are well equipped with material resources none of them have any merits or ~~at~~ other things to secure the moral backing of the masses which is always a deciding factor in such struggles. Therefore, unless Ajmer-Merwara is taken to be totally devoid of all human feelings, intelligence and patriotism none but congress candidate can be said to have the fairest chances of success this time.

Hoping to be excused for troubling you with such a long letter and expecting that in the name of journalistic fairness you will allow me the same hospitality in your columns by publishing this rejoinder, which you have allowed to your correspondent.

I am  
Yours.

General Secretary.,  
Congress Parliamentary Board  
Ajmer-Merwara., Ajmer

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**Ajmer Merwara**  
**Congress Parliamentary Board's Office,**

AJMER,

Dated 5th October, 1934

Dear Mr. Asaf Ali,

I am sorry, I have received your two wires but no letter in reply to my urgent queries and consequently our work is suffering. I cannot imagine that this is due to any aversion on your part, may be, that you are too busy.

However, may I hope that now you will kindly expedite the reply to all my queries or atleast let me know the why of it.

Thanking you in anticipation and expecting that your chances of success have been assured.

Yours sincerely,  
*B.S. Dhill*  
General Secretary.

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Ajmer Merwara  
Congress Parliamentary Board's Office,

AJMER.

Dated 5th October, 1934.

To

Mr. K.N. Munshi,  
Propaganda Secretary,  
All India Congress  
Parliamentary Board,  
111 Esplanade Road, Fort,  
Bombay.

Dear Mr. Munshi,

We were informed by Mr. Bhula Bhai J. Desai, that we will get all the help and necessary instructions regarding publicity and propaganda to be done in this constituency for the success of the Congress nominee. But we are sorry that we have received no communication from you upto this time. We are feeling very urgently the need of some prominent Hindu and Muslim Leaders touring and addressing in this constituency.

May I hope that you will now send this all the necessary information and material in this connection and let us know whether you can arrange to send Maulana Kalam Azad or Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan and/or Bhula Bhai J. Desai for a couple of days to Ajmer before 15th. of this month.

Thanking you in anticipation and expecting an early reply.

Yours sincerely,  
*B. S. Pathak*  
General Secretary.

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**Ajmer Merwara**  
**Congress Parliamentary Board's Office,**

AJMER.

Dated 5th. October, 1934.

To

Mr. Bhula Bhai. J. Desai,  
General Secretary,  
All India Parliamentary Board  
65 Explanade Road,  
Bombay.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to inform you that inspite of my repeated requests and reminders we have not only received no monetary or otherwise - help from authorities of All India Parliamentary Board, and no reply to our numerous communications. I am enclosing herewith the copies of some urgent letters addressed to the Board's different offices and authorities which were never replied. From these you will be able to judge how much our work must have suffered and what dire consequences can be expected if we donot get immediate assistance from you to strenghten our activities even at this last stage.

The main question is of financial help. In view of the backwardness of our Province, I think what we have already been able to do is many times more than what could ever be expected from us. But now the limit has come, and I fear, if no immediate help is forthcoming from you, the ground that we have gained so far will be lost and the congress prestige which has been re-established with great difficulty in this Province, shall receive a severe set back.

hoping that you will pay immediate attention to the problem of our constituency and expecting an early reply.

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Yours Sincerely,

B. S. Pathak

General Secretary.

*5 copies of the previous*

*letters were also enclosed with this letter.*

Ajmer. (14) (13)

Dated. 5th. Oct. 1934

Dear Sir,

I am rather surprised at the silence of your office, with regard to almost all the important communications sent by us. The date of election is drawing fast nearer and our work is suffering heavily due to the absence of any financial help and supply of the necessary information from the central office of the Board, and I must tell you that if Congress suffers defeat in this constituency the responsibility will be yours. Up to this time we have done more than what we could do according to our limited resources and the absence of any help from the Congress and all Indian Parliamentary Board.

May I now hope that you will kindly pay immediate attention to the affairs of our constituency, go through all previous letters, acquaint yourself with our difficulties and then do what-ever you can immediately as there is no time to be lost.

Thanking you in anticipation and expecting an early reply.

Yours Sincerely,

General Secretary.

Provincial Congress Parliame-  
ntary Board, Ajmer.

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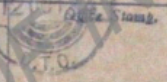
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36, WELLINGTON STREET,  
CALCUTTA.

The 11th October, 1934.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 5th instant.

I have received also your previous letters and have forwarded them to Mr. Bhulabhai Desai because the affairs of your province are being looked into from Bombay. So you had better write to Mr. Bhulabhai Desai in future.

Yours truly,

B. C. R.

B. S. Pathik, Esq.,

Ajmere.

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From B. S. Patil

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Ajmer Merwara  
Congress Parliamentary Board's Office,

AJMER.

No. ....  
Dated 16th. October, 1934.

To

Mr. Bhula Bhai Desai,  
General Secretary,  
Congress Parliamentary  
Board, 65 Naplane Road,  
Bombay.

Dear Sir,

We are sorry to note that all our letters addressed to you upto date still remain unreplied. Though we have given to understand you clearly in what precarious conditions and with how many handicaps we have waded our way so far in face of a powerful rival, who though possesses no attractive qualification and is wholly unfit for the seat he is aspiring, yet is a fool and wealthy both and is squandering money like anything. With this - the only demoralising force of Kaliyuga - he has set up his office in every nook and corner of the constituency, he is offering illegitimate temptation to voters, has employed cleverest brains and is carrying out a propaganda which it will be hard to combat for us, if due to the lack of resources, we allow it to advance a little further.

In fact the attitude of the Board towards this Province is such that one can hardly understand it. Had we have that the future was pregnant with so much apathy for us and that the Board shall give up our hand just when we reach between the devil and the deep sea, we could have never ventured to set up a candidate in the name of Congress from this constituency.

However, now, we are sending Mr. Harinath Bhargava, who will

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**Ajmer Merwara**  
**Congress Parliamentary Board's Office,**

AJMER.

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personally explain to you every-thing personally and we strongly hope, that after you have acquainted yourself with the situation in this constituency, you will kindly lose no time stretching your helping hand towards us and thus save this ~~Assembly~~ Provincial Congress from an undeserving defeat.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours Sincerely,

General Secretary.

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To

The General Secretary,  
All India Congress Parliamentary Board,  
Calcutta.

Sir,

We have already explained to you the situation in our Province. The chances of the Congress candidate are bright, but the difficulties too are equally formidable and in increasing the latter the money and experience of the non-Congress candidates are playing a great part. People love the Congress but they still require to be constantly reminded of the services, the great national organisation has rendered to the country. The hidden and open propaganda that is being carried on by interested people must also be counteracted. And this means money.

We could ordinarily have managed that to a great extent. But our resources have almost been exhausted in the last fight and we can hardly collect any appreciable amount of money. We therefore, hope and wish that the Board will supply us with necessary expenses to push on the election campaign.

Sd B.S.Pathik.  
General Sect.,  
Sd. P.C.F.Board, Ajmer.

Sd. Rajnath Mahodaya, B.A.,  
General Secretary,  
Congress.

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The General Secretary,  
All India Congress Parliamentary Board,  
X Calcutta.

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Sd. B.S.Pathik.  
Gen. Sect.  
P.C.P. Board, Ajmer.

Sd. Rajnath Mahodaya, B.A.,  
General Secretary,  
Congress.

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THE WHY OF CONGRESS REVERSAL IN AJMER.

Mr. B.S. Patil, General Secretary, Ajmer-Barsara Congress Parliamentary Board has issued the following for the Press:-

No doubt the ignorance which the Ajmer-Barsara Constituency has earned by leading the reverse for congress in the assembly elections was totally and unexpected one. The average citizens, may even congress workers did not anticipate it. But the man who were in touch with the local congress organizations and had power to probe into the circumstances and the developments that followed the inception of the assembly election campaign in this Province, knew that it would be nothing short of a miracle if the Congress nominee came out successful in spite of the traps strewn in his path on every step.

Some of my co-workers have tried to explain this paradox to the Press. But their statements rather show the realities than expect them for the enlightenment and lesson of the public. The fact that the money and resources of Betsing Chami triumphed without any other merits to his credit, in the face of a worthy congress nominee and the congress campaign, itself proves to what discreditable position the Congress has been degraded in this Province by those who held--or were made to hold by outside agencies--the reins of that august body, since about seven years. The invalidating of three consecutive congress elections, within a short span of two months, arbitrarily against all conventions and conventional institutions by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, causing full well that it will tell most adversely on the local assembly election campaign and shall smother the relations of congress workers to an unprecedented extent, provides the latest testimony of the policy that governs the local congress and which has made it so unpopular.

And to what was all this due? Well, almost half of the congress men gave preference to the personal relations than to the principles for which their organizations stood. In fact there were some who wanted Mr. Betsing Chami to succeed while there were others who planned and worked secretly for the success of Betsing Chami and thus both united to sabotage the congress candidate. It was due to the machinations of this section that the local Parliamentary Board could not work even for a day un-interrupted. They put all the obstacles they could in making the work of the Board ineffective and created every trouble they were capable of to divert the energies of the Congress workers from their main task. Elections after elections of the local congress were got invalidated. Denominations in the congress rank and the Board itself engineered and enhanced, men supporting anti-nationalist candidates were helped in capturing and entering the local congress organizations and the resources which had been accumulated with great difficulty, were well mis-spent. To crown all these mischiefs, not a single pie was given to this constituency by the All India Congress Parliamentary Board. In spite of this I emphasize the fact that Mr. Betsing Chami spent almost full amount which he had promised and he was faced with a foe whose material resources knew no bounds. Mr. Betsing Chami himself stood in the way of candidates obtaining any pecuniary help from them and thus whole of the campaign was starved to death as just when it was to be made most vigorous. Still there were chances of success for congress, had not B.S. Patil's forces collapsed at the eleventh hour. But the success of Congress at Polls in Mehsar frightened the Government officials and Railways Authority so much that they scolded whole of their weight of Anglo Indian, Christian official circles on the side of Betsing Chami, kicking away their old friend Mr. Betsing Chami. This naturally proved to be the last straw on the camel's back and made the scores of voters so uneven that it not only reduced the old knight to an insignificant position, but gave Betsing Chami a majority, which--in spite of his Herculean efforts and the mean tactics of his Arya Sanajist and Muslim hirelings--he himself did never conceive.

In the end it must be said that in spite of all these difficulties the major part of the Ajmer intelligent remained faithful to the congress and therefore deserves well the congratulations and gratitude from our constituency. But for the fidelity of this group, the congress could have never scored even so many votes. Of course the major part of traders and Muslims proved to be as unreluctant and zealous to the national cause as ever.

The whole of this episode and the ignominy which it had brought in its train to this Province, I think, should be enough to open the eyes, not only of congress workers, but also of the public who treat so lightly and in such an irresponsible manner, the elections and the work of their national organization.

Finally, I should like to offer my heart felt thanks and express my sense of gratitude towards all those of my ~~colleagues~~ colleagues and the voters of this constituency who, in face of all ~~the~~ these puzzles and disappointments stood firm by the congress and their country at this critical hour of our nation's trial.

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अर्ज करे छे बी बी असेम्बली, भ्गारी लाज बचावो ॥ १ ॥  
 चार तो उम्मेदवार हैं, जिनका सुनो हवाल ।  
 भागचन्दजी, मगनमलजी, मुकट बिहारीलाल ॥  
 हरयिलास भी कडे हुए हैं, जाने सारी जहान ।  
 जाने सारी जहान, समझ मन लीजिये ॥  
 सारों में हो ठीक. उसे घर कीजिये ॥ १ ॥  
 उन्नीसो चोतीस साल की, दस नवम्बर जान ।  
 अजमेर की बारह नवम्बर, होचुकी एलान ।  
 पनरह नवम्बर जय घोषणा, जितका रखना ध्यान ।  
 जिसका रखना ध्यान, मुझ पसमान है ॥  
 दुश्मन का बेड़ा गरक, करे भगवान है ॥ २ ॥  
 भ्गारा पिता का दिया फूट गया, जरा शर्म नहीं काये ।  
 कपया ले हर भ्गारी शादी, अनपढ़ के साथ करवे ॥  
 चाहे हो जवान और सुन्दर, फाड़ो धज कहलावे ।  
 फाड़ो धज कहलावे, मुझ मगहट है ॥  
 बिन देश प्रेम और ज्ञान, मिल नहीं हुए है ॥ ३ ॥  
 सोने की लहंगा का रखना, रखण था अभिमान ।  
 जिसके सम्मुख भागचन्द की, तिल भी नहीं शान ॥  
 सोना के समझाने पर भी, दिया घोर संग्राम ।  
 किया घोर संग्राम जाया सब नूर है ॥  
 घर की भी निपट नहीं सप्रे दिवंगो कहीं घूर है ॥ ४ ॥  
 भ्गारी भारि निपट कलार, बुढ़ा ने पण्डावे ।  
 बुढ़ा भी फिर कजो भारि, जा मरणा हो जावे ॥  
 मगनलाल मल्लव का मतनू, बुढ़ा गाल बजावे ।  
 बुढ़ा गाल बजावे, याद रख लीजिये ॥  
 इन तीनों को चय, मूल मत दीजिये ॥ ५ ॥  
 मुहटपिहारी देश प्रेमो, है बहुत बिहान ।  
 धन ज्ञान विद्या का बिलकुल, नहीं रखना अभिमान ।  
 कामिल की आहा पाकर, बोड़ो लियो उठाय ।  
 बोड़ो लियो उठाय, अरु भर पूर है ॥  
 विगोदीताल का पुर, खूब मगहट है ॥ ६ ॥  
 शादी का हकदार मुकट है, मल्लराम यों गावे ।  
 होगा काला मुँह उलका, जो अनमेल ब्याह रचावे ॥  
 ब्यावर को मुर्दा मत जानो, मर्दों में नाम धरावे ।  
 मर्दों में नाम धरावे, वीरों की खान है ।  
 ब्यावर का बेड़ा पार करे भगवान है ॥ ७ ॥  
 कौन पिता और भारि भेटा कोई चतुर बजावे ।  
 कौन बरती किस के संग में किस लायक कहलावे ॥  
 एक लाख को इनाम मिलसी जब शादी हो जावे ।  
 जब शादी हो जावे काम कमाल है ॥  
 घर घर भंगलाचार मुकट गल जयमाल है ॥ ८ ॥

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Dear Sir,

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it is no boasting but a statement of bare facts that though resourceless and weak in manpower and opposed by most powerful and wealthiest rivals - who spared no mean tactics for sabotaging the Congress and Congress Assembly ~~xxx~~ campaign, - we were well able to create an atmosphere in favour of the Congress nominee, ~~x~~ which had disheartened all the reactionary forces in this constituency.

But now a fresh and undesirable development is threatening our success at a very inopportune juncture. To give a clearer idea of the situation, I hope, you will not mind if I enumerate below the briefest possible summary of the events which are linked with the present development of the situation.

In fact the coincidence of the period of the Congress and Assembly elections has proved to be a mischievous thing. It naturally tempted the non-Congress candidates to make their agents enter Congress Committees in sufficient number, in order to stifle the Congress - Assembly - election campaign and to sabotage the Congress nominee, by thwarting the progress of Parliamentary boards and Committees.

In Jmmer, both the Anti-Congress candidates i.e. D.B. Haridas Sarda and Bhagchand Soni - a millionaire, got hold of some of the members and through them put every possible obstacle even in the way of nominating a candidate on Congress ticket, which unfortunately they did ~~x~~ not succeed.

Fortunately for them, the Congress elections followed and they seized the opportunity to create further trouble. The thousand Khadi dresses were prepared by only one - 8 Anti-Congress candidate's men and as many members mostly ~~xx~~ out of the menial staff of the Ely. Workshops enrolled without charging any member fee. Nay, even Mr. Saiyed Mahmood was hood-winked and through him a ~~xxxx~~ Congress election

Board was brought into being in which majority of the members was of their own men. The remaining were either bailed and placated or kept tactfully in the dark.

The party that held office in the old P.C.C. was, - due to many reasons, inclined to favour the other candidate D.B. Harbilas Sarda. This factor proved to be the most helpful to the miscreants and consequently, when the plot was unearthed by this Board's authorities, they had gathered enough strength to face any attack from the miscreant Congressmen to frustrate their plans. The authorities of Congress too did everything to shield them by tactfully defeating the efforts of Board's authorities to combat this sabotaging. For instance, though everything was being done under their nose, and all these malpractices of interested persons had become known finally to the people of the town, still Congress office and the Board took no steps to check or expose them, until, I sent them several written complaints from citizens and threatened to expose their tactics. Of course as the Board was a creation of the local Congress and entirely at their mercy, we could not dare to ~~even~~ invite an open hostility.

Against a committee was appointed by the Provincial Congress to enquire into complaints and I undertook to help the committee. But just when the Committee was busy in enquiring, Mr. Haribhai Upadaya - the President of Provincial Congress - on the one hand counselled us not to send nominations to the Election Board, and on the other hand stealthily make a compromise with the miscreants. ~~with~~ <sup>only</sup> party persons of both the parties, in which majority party persons of both the parties, candidate, were get nominated and were declared elected unopposed - the whole list being proposed and seconded by two members only against the letters and the spirit

of the constitution.

Any-how, when we came to know of all this, we again asserted and consequently the election was quashed. But the Congress officials were not ready to fight it anew. All our appeals to them to save Congress fell on deaf ears. As we have no intention to keep Congress in our hands - they said - or to take any office therein - we don't want to bother about the fate of the Committee.

in the circumstances we had no other alternative, but to fight the Congress elections peacefully. But in this too we were thwarted on every step by the Congress office. However by tactful handling of the affairs, in the end we were able to secure majority in the second compromise - election of the Province - though we could not eliminate the undesirable element altogether.

It was only after this election that we could get breathing time to concentrate on our Assembly election work, and hence could pay no attention to the further attempts, which were being made, behind the screen by interested persons. We could know all about these things only when - like a blot from blue - we read the latest decision of Vallabh Bhai Patel, setting aside the elections of our Provincial Congress in a manner, that would give sure majority to the party, which was, with difficulty kept out so long. We at once appealed to Vallabh Bhai to reconsider his decision, but he was adamant, not caring a bit for our difficulties. Thus forced again to divert our energies, we again prepared to fight the fresh elections and attended the meeting called for the purpose. But there was another hoax in store for us, a brief account of which you will find in the enclosure no. 26

in the face of this difficulty, we had no otherway for protecting the Board and its work, but to elect formally a Provincial Congress Committee, in which due to the ~~above~~ above reasons, all the districts have joined us, as will be evident from the accompanying documents.

In short, this is the whole history of our affairs, and as it is quite probable that the interested persons ~~in~~ in the other committee - some of whom unfortunately belong to Jammalal Bajaj's paid group, have undue influence over Vallabh Bhai - shall try to create further difficulties at this eleventh hour of Assembly elections, in order to undo - what we have achieved so far, we are forced to request you to exercise your influence in stopping any such attempts, atleast till Assembly elections are over. By the way, I may assure you, that if an impartial enquiry is instituted, all the facts which I have detailed above, can be proved to the hilt, mostly by the records of the Provincial Congress itself.

Thanking you in anticipation and expecting an immediate attention,

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Yours sincerely.,