Appendix II

A.I.C.C. RESOLUTION ON TEN POINT PROGRAMME
New Delhi, 23-25 June, 1967

IMPLEMENTATION OF CONGRESS PROGRAMMES

The All India Congress Committee desires that the process of implementing the programmes towards the attainment of a socialist democratic society should be accelerated. In this connection the following items call for consideration.

1. Social control of banking institutions;
2. Nationalisation of general insurance;
3. Commodity-wise progress in state trading in imports and exports;
4. State trading in foodgrains;
5. Expansion of cooperatives;
6. Regulated removal of monopolies;
7. Provision of minimum needs to the community;
8. Unearned increments in urban land values;
9. Rural works programme, land reforms etc.;

The AICC after careful consideration takes the following decisions:

1. The Election Manifesto mentioned: "It is necessary to bring most of the banking institutions under social control in order to serve the cause of economic growth and fulfil our social purposes more effectively and to make credit available to the producer in all fields where it is needed." The AICC requests the Government to take steps to implement this programme.
2. A scheme should be worked out to bring under the public sector the general insurance.

3. The AICC is of the view that the export and import trade should be progressively undertaken through state agencies. The Government is requested to undertake a commodity-wise examination and formulate a phased programme to this end.

4. A national policy of public distribution of foodgrain: particularly to the vulnerable section of the community should be worked out and for this purpose the Food Corporation of India and cooperative agencies should be utilised to the maximum extent.

5. Consumer cooperatives should be organised to cover urban and rural areas for the supply of the more essential commodities to the community at fair prices.

   To make this distribution effective processing and manufacturing industries in the State and cooperative sector should be established on an extensive scale.

6. The AICC welcomes the decision of the Government to implement the Monopolies Commission Report and hopes effective steps would be taken to curb monopolies and concentration of economic power.

7. The AICC is of the opinion that positive steps should be taken towards the provision of minimum needs to the entire community by the year 1975. As a first step the Government should promulgate a Socialist Charter for Children which would ensure the provision of high protein food to the children and such other amenities as could be organised and to work out a
phased programme for implementation.

8. The pattern of conspicuous consumption and wasteful display which increasingly characterise some of the urban areas are out of place in a socialist society. They also constitute a drain on the resources available to the community for productive investment. There is thus compelling need to impose limitations on urban income and property. Concrete steps should, therefore, be taken for placing restrictions on individual holdings of urban land for preventing racketeering in land in the urban areas.

9. The AICC desires that a plan of a rural works programme which would give opportunities for employment especially to the landless and at the same time help create certain overheads in agriculture such as agro-industries, reclamation of land, soil conservation, afforestation, minor irrigation, feeder roads, cattle development and other programmes of area development should be formulated to be implemented.

Laws for tenancy reforms have been enacted in many States. It is obvious that the land reforms have in some respects not been implemented effectively. The implementation should be accelerated.

Credit should be made available to the agricultural labour against personal security or assets that are to be created. Minimum wage legislation for agricultural labour should be implemented more effectively.

Drinking water should be provided in all rural areas by a national programme of wells, conservation of water and utilisation
10. The privileges and privy purses enjoyed by the ex-rulers are incongruous to the concept and practice of democracy. The AICC is of the view that the Government should examine and take steps to remove them.

August 11, 1978

Dear Shri Palit,

Kindly refer to your letter of July 28, 1978, addressed to the Prime Minister regarding the synopsis of the Prime Minister's answers given to your questions when you interviewed him. A copy of this synopsis approved by the Prime Minister is enclosed.

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