APPENDIX VIII

PUNJAB KHETIBARI ZIMINDARA UNION
H.O.i Basti Abdullapur, Ludhiana-141003

Dated ........

Resolutions passed unanimously by Punjab Khetibari Zimindara Union on 26.6.78 in its meeting held under the Presidentship of S. Partap Singh Kadian, President at its Head Office at Ludhiana.

1. It has come to the notice of the Union that farmers in Tamilnadu are agitating under the banner of their association named "Tamilnadu Agriculturists' Association". It is reported that thousands of farmers have been arrested and their President Mr. Narayanaswamy Naidu is on hunger strike. After thorough discussion on their demands, union feels that their demands are 100% legitimate. Therefore, it is resolved that the Punjab farmers will stand by their brethren in Tamilnadu and support their demands. Punjab Khetibari Zimindara Union will not hesitate to take harsh steps if their demands are not met.

Union appeals to all members of Parliament that they should interfere and pressurise the government, so that the legitimate demands of Tamilnadu farmers are accepted. Union also resolves to send a team of our union to Tamilnadu to express solidarity with our brethren. In case, government, does not accept their demands; union will be forced to take strong action. Its responsibility will lie on the government.
2. In the name of discipline, a tussel is going on in the Janata Party to harass Ch. Charan Singh. Union feels that it is not a question of discipline but some people backed by the traders and big Industrialists are trying to snub the pro-ruralite lobby which has been created by Ch. Charan Singh. It is a tussel of rural and anti-rural policies.

Union thinks that Ch. Charan Singh is a Kisan leader, so, attempts on him are attempts on farmers. It is unanimously resolved that if anti-rural lobby continue harassing Ch. Charan Singh and their those members of Parliament who have won with the rural votes, should strongly back Ch. Charan Singh in this hour of crisis. Union appeals to Ch. Charan Singh Ji that he should not think of resignation from the ministry. If he resigned, then there will be no representation of the rural people, union feels. We assure him that farmers of the whole country are with him in this hour of crisis.

Union also warns those members of Parliament who were voted to power by the rural people; that if they tried to deceive them by not backing Ch. Charan Singh, union will be forced to teach a lesson to such MPs. The responsibility will lie on them for this action. It is also decided that a deputation of the union should be sent to New Delhi immediately to see the Central leaders and members of Parliament. This deputation should apprise them of the resentment in the minds of the rural people about it. The deputation must see Ch. Charan Singh, Union Home Minister to appeal him, not to resign and express our backing.