APPENDIX VII

Press Statement issued by the Congress dissidents expressing lack of confidence in the leadership of Dr. Y.S. Parmar.

Under the 15-year old leadership of Dr. Parmar, Himachal Pradesh has witnessed - despite liberal central grants - an overall deterioration in its political, social and economic life. The influence of the Congress Party has steadily be a waning since 1952 and the party appears to be on the verge of extinction. The party which was founded on the noble principles of sacrifice, self-abnegation and selfless service is now ridden with such vices as nepotism, corruption, intrigue and so on. Under such circumstances, the change of leadership is of paramount importance in the wider interest of the Pradesh. We, the undermentioned Congress legislators, therefore, resolve to sacrifice our all to achieve this end even through we may have to quit the party.

Sd/- 1. Padam Dev, iohru Constituency.
   2. Laxmi Prat.
   3. Nikku Ram.
   5. Piru Ram.
   8. Vidya Dhar.

1. The Statement has been published in the HIMACHAL DARPAK, Simla, November 27, 1969, p.3.