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To

Dated: 16th December, '97.

Sir,

Sub: Appeal to support the Co-op. Economic System for the self-reliance of rural Indian Economy and incorporate the same in the Election Manifesto of the party - Request - Regarding.

The "SAHAKARA SAMRAKSHANA SAMITHI", an association of Co-operators and the cooperative Academicians in Andhra Pradesh, is striving for the protection of the Cooperative Movement and the Cooperative Institutions in India.

At the larger interest of the small and marginal farmers, rural artisans, and the landless labourers, and the upliftment of 40% of the people below the poverty line, We appeal to your good selves to support the cooperative Economic system to be followed for the self-reliance of the rural Indian Economy and incorporate the same in the election manifesto of the party/Front to be released on the ensuing 12th Lok Sabha Elections.

Further, we appeal to pursue to incorporate the cooperative Sector Chapter in the 9th Five Year Plan Document.

Here I am enclosing the Appeal text and request you to send a copy of the Election Manifesto of the party/Front to facilitate us to evolve the points of common agreement by all political parties in Economic Front particularly for the development of the Rural Indian Economy.

Thanking you,

In the Service of the Co-operative
Movement,

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A P P E A L.

Appeal to Support the Co-operative Economic System to be followed for the Self reliance of the rural Indian Economy and incorporate the Same in the Election Manifesto of the Party. -Reg.

We the undersigned Co.operators, represents the Co-operative movement of Andhra Pradesh and on behalf of the Indian Co-operative movement appeal to your goodselves and the Party to pronounce faith and Commitment to the Co-operative Sector and incorporate the same in the Party Manifesto to be released on the occasion of the 12th Lokh Sabha Elections. So that the small & marginal farmers, rural artisans and the landless labourers are assured, that their protect or 'the Co-operative Sector' in the Globalised Indian Economy is being persuaded by their representatives; the Member of Parliaments.

It is a fact that the Co.operatives have played a key role in the Socio-Economic Development of the Small & Margial Farmers, rural artisans and the landless labourers since our Independence. Keeping inview the Characters of the Co.operative economic system, the Government of India, the State Governments have initiated, assisted and developed different kinds of Co.operatives for the Socio-Economic Development of the Rural Masses. Due to which, the share of the Co.operatives in our total agriculture credit needs, has been increased from 3.1% (1950-51) to 58.30% (1994-95) and built up a vast Co-operative Rural network. 99.5% of Villages and 67% of rural house holds are covered by these Co.operative Services. Thus the Co-operative activity became the activity of the Rural India.

Great role of the Co.operatives in promotion of the New Economic Policies.

India lives in Villages, the economic activity of them is the Co-operative activity, hence the strengthening the rural economy through the Co.operatives is must for the promotion of the new economic policies being implemented since 1991. But a wrong step has been followed in 1991. The continued procedure of demarking Targets for the Co-operative Sector along with the Public and Private Sectors in the Five Year Plan has been dropped in 8th Five Year Plan, implemented from 1991, in the wake of the New Economic Policies.

As a result, today the Industry sector is facing a 'Stagnation Period' with a lack of Demand. No liberal credit policy is helping the Industry to come out of it. The liberal policies are not taking into account of the rural Indian Economic Scenario, but concentrating only on the establishing new industries. But the products of Industry is concerned with the people, not the Machines itself. The increase in purchasing power of the vast middle class population in rural economy is only the way to come out from the present situation. This calls for the liberal agriculture credit policy and strengthening of the Co-operative Marketing Structure.

On the Contrary, there are moves to distort the Co-operative rural network and establish the Private Local Area banks, which leads to concentration of economic authority in a few hands or Finance Groups, in the agrarian sector, that will raise the social contradictions in the rural arena.

Here we recall what Co-operatives envisage.

Co-operation means "the system of people, voluntarily associated, working together on terms of equality to eliminate their economic exploitation by middlemen in respect of any economic need common to them; simultaneously themselves, eschewing the economic exploitation of others."

International Co-operative Alliance (I.C.A.,) stated that Co-operative system is "Organised in the interest of the whole community and is based upon mutual self-help" and the co-operative movement seeks to substitute this system for the profit making regime.

Its principal action is that it eliminates exploitation and its essence is that it is Democratically controlled by its members only.

The most important aim of the co-operative movement is the promotion of the social and economic rights of the people. Its Economic purpose is the elimination of exploitation. Its social purpose is to make people self-reliant and initiators of policy. Its political purpose is the training of men and women in the processes of democracy. Its essence is democracy whilst its spirit is "each for all and all for each".

The Co-operative Movement seeks to establish economic democracy "Without which political democracy will not be meaningful."

WHAT IS CO-OPERATIVE?

The International Co-operative Alliance has defined in 1995 as "A Co-operative is an autonomous Association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic social and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise".

INDIAN CONSTITUTION UPHOLDS THE CO-OPERATIVE CONCEPT.

Directive principles of our Indian Constitution emphasises on securing social order based on equity and equalities through decentralisation of economic and political authority. Co-operative Movement is the only effective system in forming such society as enshrined in our Constitution.

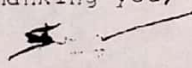
GOVERNMENT: Guider, Protector, for the Co-operative Movement.

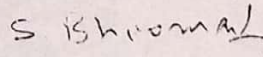
Our Governments are democratic Governments, Co-operative institutions are also democratic institutions. Hence the Government have to honour the democratic characteristic of the Co-operatives and it has to believe and have faith in the people. It should not interfere in the democratic functioning of the Co-operatives. The Government has to guide, protect and provide financial assistance to the Co-operative Sector, because this is the only system of the people for securing social order based on equity and equality through decentralisation of economic and political authority as enshrined in our Constitution.

The Co-operative movement of India takes note of it that none of the Political Parties in India is against the Co-operative Sector. But the Co-operative movement and the people felt sorry, when they kept silence and inactive at the instance of dropping the Co-operative Chapter from 8th Five Year Plan Document. We appeal to:

1. Pronounce the Co-operative Economic System to be followed for the Self reliance of the Rural Indian Economy in the Party Election Manifesto.
2. Pursue to incorporate the Co-operative Sector Chapter in 9th Five Year Plan Document.

Thanking you,


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"SAHAKARA SANKSHEMA SAMITHI"
(A Voluntary Non-Governmental
Organisation)
Aimed to propagate the
Co-operative Ideology & its
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