

**THE
NEW ZEALAND
INDIAN CENTRAL
ASSOCIATION (Inc.)**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
AND
ANNUAL REPORT**

**58th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
held at
GANDHI HALL, AUCKLAND
SATURDAY 21 APRIL 1984**

THE
***NEW ZEALAND INDIAN
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION***
INC

President:

GANGES B. SINGH (Pukekohe)

Vice President:

BHUKHAN LAL PARBHU (Wellington)

General Secretary:

JAGDISH C. NATALI (Auckland)

Under Secretary:

UKA CHHIBA (Pukekohe)

Auditor:

KANTI VASAN (Wellington)

Executive Committee:

CHHOTU SIMA (Auckland)

RAMAN BUDHIA (Christchurch)

SANTOKH SINGH BHULLAR (Country Section)

HARIBHAI NARAN (Manawatu)

RANCHHOD KANA (Pukekohe)

DIYAL DHEDA (Rotorua)

CHHOTUBHAI C. PATEL (Taranaki)

BHANUBHAI PATEL (Waikato)

AMRIT VASAN (Wellington)

CONFERENCE DELEGATES 1984

Auckland

1. Chhotubhai Sima
2. Dinesh Tailor
3. Parbhu Kanji
4. Thakor Parbhu
5. Chhotu Mistry
6. Shantiben Thakor
7. Arvind Masters
8. Ashok Darji
9. Raman Patel
10. Shantilal Prema

Pukekohe

1. Ishvar Rambhai
2. Narendra Morar
3. Khandu Parag
4. Deviben U. Chhiba
5. Magan Ranchhod
6. Ramon Wallabh
7. Parag Kanji
8. Bhula Das Bhakta
9. Ravji Uka
10. Mohan Parsot

Wellington

1. Amrit L. Vasan
2. Kanti L. Vasan
3. Bhukhan Lal Parghu
4. Kamuben Bhukhan
5. Kiran Chauhan
6. Nagin G. Patel
7. Maniben B. Naik
8. Ratilal Champaneri
9. Chhotu Kanji
10. Babhbhai Parbhu

Country Section

1. Santokh Singh Bhullar
2. Ravinder Singh Powar
3. Harkishan Singh Kung
4. Sardool Singh
5. Hardial Singh
6. Sarwan Singh
7. Mohan Singh Ark

Rotorua

1. Jeram Bhana
2. Ramesh Keshav
3. Chhagan Nathoo

Christchurch

1. Dinesh Mehta

Waikato

1. Bhanubhai F. Patel
2. Ashwin Gulab
3. Narottambhai Puna
4. Rambhai Unka

Manawatu

1. Haribhai Naran

Taranaki

1. Chhotubhai C. Patel
2. Girish Bhana
3. Gulabbhai Moral
4. Jagubhai Unka
5. Parbhuhai Pema

Attending Life Members

1. Ramesh Patel
2. Khushal Madhu
3. J.K. Natali
4. Shivilal Masters
5. Rambhai Unka
6. Chhibabhai Lala
7. Paragbhai Kanji
8. Parbhu Bhikha
9. Dayal Kesry

**15 or More Conference
Attendants**

1. Chhimabhai Vallabh
2. Haribhai Jagu
3. Harbans Singh
Randhawa

**Delegates Present At
Auckland Youth Conference
21st April, 1984**

1. Naresh Parbhu (Wellington)
2. Nayna Parbhu (Wellington)
3. Raju Gouind (Wellington)
4. Ajay Rathod (Wellington)
5. Naranda Patel (Taranaki)
6. Bharti Patel (Taranaki)
7. Usha Mavji (Bay of Plenty)
8. Jayanti Makan (Bay of Plenty)
9. Mukesh Gordhan (Waikato)
10. Kiran Bhakta (Pukekohe)
11. Suresh Wallabh (Pukekohe)
12. Janti Chhiba (Pukekohe)
13. Kanu Makan (Pukekohe)
14. Nila Bhana (Auckland)
15. Hamlata Keshav (Auckland)
16. Seelha Bhana (Auckland)
17. Ramesh Dullabh (Auckland)
18. Mahesh Dahya (Auckland)

1983-1984

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FELLOW DELEGATES AND LIFE MEMBERS

Namaste - Satshiriakal

It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report for 1983-1984.

I have been highly honoured by you to be your President and hope I have done things to your expectation.

It has been a year of problems at local and International level. Local problems can be solved by handling them responsibly and diplomatically.

You as responsible representatives can educate your members by creating a lot more activity at local level and by communicating with them.

Recent cheap publicity by some of our members raised a few problems in Auckland. I therefore request all members of our community to refrain from doing so.

It has been brought to my attention that we have started to form occupational groups which we do not require. I give blessing to family grouping for unity but not occupational groups. This will only weaken our local Associations.

We all live in this country as Indians whether it be Gujerati, Punjabi or any others. Let's keep it that way and be proud of it by maintaining unity and harmony among our people.

As our population grows we will be faced with new problems. Unity is strength and let us all stay united and create no problems to achieve selfish motives.

I request all branches to make a special effort to help our youth section.

Our Association has made a submission on your behalf on the Immigration Bill. I thank Thakor Parbhu, Raman Ganda, Amrat Vasan, Jagdish Natali and Uka Chhiba for their help. Our communities have also made submissions on this Bill.

I thank the New Zealand Indian Sports Association for their invitation to the Hockey games between India and New Zealand Indians. I congratulate them for the display of their skill and sportsmanship.

I congratulate Ramesh Patel, Peter Daji, Hasmukh Bhikha and Balwant Bhana on their selection to New Zealand Hockey team and I wish the team success at the Los Angeles Olympics.

Another highlight was the success of Shanta Patel in winning the Women's World Wind Surfing title. I congratulate her on this fine achievement by our countrywoman.

The floods in Southland brought hardship and problems to many in that area. Thanks to all of our community for their contribution to this disaster.

The relationship between New Zealand and India seems to be improving, and hopefully diplomatic relations will be re-established in the near future.

The present happenings in Punjab are politically motivated and I hope a peaceful solution will be found with no further bloodshed.

Remarks made by Councillor Firth during a meeting of the Auckland City Council brought angry reaction from members. We will not tolerate such remarks. I thank Thakor Parbhu for taking action on the matter and also the Auckland Association.

Auckland and Pukekohe are making good progress on their community project. I wish them success and request you all to support them with your contribution when called upon.

Pukekohe Community Centre Fund Concert held last month was well organised and supported by all communities. I congratulate them for the excellent programme.

We should look at ways and means of raising funds for Central. Without funds Central is limited to its activities.

Response to our advertisement in Fiji for a Hindu Priest and Sikh Bhaiji was a success with the number of replies we received. Now the Branches have some material to go by, we should appoint a committee to look at the whole question if the Branches so desire.

This year, Her Majesty's New Year's Message had a lot to say about India, the facts presented and remarks made were very complimentary. The progress made since Independence is remarkable and makes us proud Indians in this country.

I thank the Indian High Commissioner in Wellington for accepting our invitation and taking part in our conference by sending his representative, with his personal message.

Telephone Directory has been published at last thanks to you all for your contribution. I thank the advertisers for their patronage. I thank Alcan New Zealand Limited for their advertisement in our Annual Report.

Space history was made when the first Indian Astronaut, Squadron Leader Rakesh Sharma was sent to space with the help of U.S.S.R. The mission was a great achievement and success for India.

I personally thank our Secretary, Jagdish Natali for publishing our "National Anthum" in our Annual Report and suggest that this be done every year.

"Words of Wisdom" compiled by our Life Member, Mr J.K. Natali are facts and should be read by everyone to give them peace of mind. I personally congratulate him on his fine contribution which has something for everyone.

I request to those branches that have not updated their constitution to look at it seriously and do something about it.

I would like to congratulate those students who have today received prizes from the Association and wish them success in furthering their careers.

To all delegates I hope that this Conference will enable you to renew your acquaintance and strengthen old friendships as well as to put forth new ideas for progress.

Finally, I would like to thank our Vice President, Bhukan Parbhu, Jagdish Natali our Secretary, and Uka Chhiba, Assistant Secretary and all members of the Executive for their help and co-operation throughout the year, which made my stay in office a happy one.

"JAI HIND"

GANGES B. SINGH

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Host President Chhotubhai Sima, welcomed the Honoured Guests, Delegates, Life Members and the Youth Conference Delegates and wished the Conference every success in its deliberations. He then introduced the Guest Speaker Mr Eddie Isbey M.P. for Papatoetoe.

In his opening address Mr Isbey made praise of the early Indian settlers to N.Z. who fought for their rights against the N.Z. White League. He mentioned that the Indians were not allowed to own land and property in N.Z. but the early Indian Pioneers fought hard against the policy to have it changed. Mr Isbey praised the contribution made by the Indians in N.Z. for being industrious, honest, loyal and law abiding.

Over the controversial issue of closure of the N.Z. High Commission's Office in New Delhi, Mr Isbey assured the delegates that if Labour became the Government, they would do everything that they could within their powers to re-open the N.Z. Embassy in New Delhi.

The acting Indian High Commissioner who was unable to attend the Conference due to health reasons was represented by his Deputy Mr Bali, who read out his message of goodwill, which was as follows...



भारत का उच्च आयोग
वैलिंगटन
(न्यूजीलैण्ड)
HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA,
WELLINGTON,
(NEW ZEALAND)

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen,

I am highly grateful and privileged for the invitation extended to me by the President and the General Secretary of the New Zealand-Indian Central Association to attend the opening ceremony of the 58th Annual Conference of the Association in Auckland. I would indeed have personally availed of the invitation and be in your midst but for prior official commitments and personal indisposition. I have, therefore, deputed one of my staff, Mr B. Bali, to represent me at the function and read this message on my behalf.

I extend to all of you warm greetings. I wish that you have pleasant and successful conference, that the solemn gathering helps to promote further mutual benefits, understanding and cooperation and that you all return satisfied and with greater vigour and enthusiasm to serve the good of the community and the country.

If you have anything which you would like to share with us and anything that we can do for the good of the community, within our means, please let us know. We have always valued and will continue to do so, your cooperation in bringing greater understanding and cooperation between India and the country of your adoption.

Once again I wish the conference great success.

Mr Bali stated that he himself handles all passport matters and issuing visas for India, and he would be most happy to assist and help in every way he can.

The National President Mr Ganges Singh, thanked Messrs Isbey and Bali for attending the opening session of the Conference and presented each of them with a copy of "Indians in New Zealand - Studies of Sub-Culture." The conference then adjourned for morning tea.

The main Conference commenced at 11.15am at the Gandhi Hall while the Youth Conference resumed in the Auckland University Cafeteria Hall.

Two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect for those members who had passed away during the year.

The following apologies were received and accepted:-

Raju Ramji (Rotorua); Narendra Masters (Pukekohe); Life Members: Piara Singh, Karam Singh (Country Section); Narsi Vallabh, Govind Kanji (Wn); Ravji Hira (Pukekohe).

The minutes of the 57th Annual Conference held in Wellington on 2nd April 1983 were taken as read and the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held in Rotorua on 23rd October 1983 were read and adopted. The minutes of the 57th Conference were adopted.

Uka Chhiba (Pukekohe)/Parbhu Kanji (Ak).

The General Secretary apologised, when it was pointed out that Thakorbbhai Parbhu's (Immediate Past President) name was omitted from the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held in Auckland on 27 November 1982.

Matters Arising out of Minutes:

School Certificate Prizes:

The General Secretary pointed out to the Conference that amongst the S.C. results received, there was one from Mr Dayalbbhai Patel of Auckland on behalf of his daughter Bhavna Patel. As this result was not received through a Branch Association the matter was open for discussion. The Delegates were informed of the Special Meeting held prior to commencement of the Conference and the resolution passed at that meeting.

After a lengthy discussion on the matter, it was moved "that as the School Certificate result had not come through the appropriate Branch Association, as is the normal practice, and that Mr Dayalbbhai Patel is not a member of a Branch Association the result cannot be accepted for consideration for awarding the S.C. prize."

Gulab Moral (Taranaki)/J.K. Natali (Ak)

The motion was carried by majority (There were 3 against the motion)

It was also moved that a letter of congratulations be sent to Miss Bhavna Patel for achieving a good result.

S.C. Prize Award

1983 School Certificate Prizes were awarded as follows

1st Prize: Rajesh K Patel (Waikato)	341
2nd Prize: Bharti Parbhu (Wn)	340
3rd Prize: Sukhdeep Singh (Cnty Sect)	335

Advertisement in the Annual Report:

It was again agreed by the Conference that an advertisement, if obtainable, be inserted in the Annual Report to cover part of the cost of printing the Annual Report.

Inward and Outward Correspondence

The following letters were tabled:

1. A letter to B.C.N.Z. regarding T.V. and Radio Programmes in Hindi language - Replies from B.C.N.Z. and T.V.N.Z.
2. A letter to the Indian High Commissioners Office concerning poor Telecommunication service and visa requirement - Reply from High Commissioners Office on the above matters.
3. Letter to Air N.Z. concerning Air Fares between the sector N.Z. and India. A reply from Mr Lovell of Air N.Z.
4. A letter from Caroline Allum acknowledging donation of \$50 for "Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Prize."
5. Further letter from South Auckland Indian Cultural Society relating to their affiliation to N.Z. Indian Central Assoc. Reply to South Auckland Indian Cultural Society informing the Society that their queries have been adequately answered.
6. Letters to and from Branches re Gujerat flood relief fund.
7. A letter from Wellington Branch expressing their concern at the plight of Tamil Srilankans being treated inhumanely and made refugees in their own country. A letter to Ministry of Foreign Affairs and a Telegram to the Indian Prime Minister advising of the above.
8. A letter from Mr D. Kesry concerning issuing of visa or a temporary entry permit for Indian persons (from India or from other countries).
9. A letter to Mr S.S. Ramphal, Secretary General, inviting him a guest speaker. A reply from C.R. Laidlaw, Assistant Director advising that the Secretary General will not be in N.Z. prior to the Conference.
10. A letter from Mr Kanti Dullahb (Auckland) expressing disappointment at cancellation of one of the items from the 1983 Diwali celebration programme in Auckland.

Matters arising out of Correspondence

re N.Z. High Commission for India:

Suggestions from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of N.Z., concerning issue of Visas to N.Z. and loss of N.Z. passports, were not practical and satisfactory.

It was suggested that a further letter be sent to the Minister telling him of our dissatisfaction.

FILMS:-

The General Secretary explained that since the introduction of Video movies, the demand for Hindi Films (for theatre screening) has dropped drastically. It is no longer economical to import Hindi films.

After a brief discussion on the matter it was moved

“That individual Branch Association be permitted to import or hire films from any source that they see fit”.

Uka Chhiba (Pukekohe)/Bhukhan Parbhu (Wellington) carried

Telephone Directory

The General Secretary informed the Conference that the N.Z. Indian Telephone and Address Directory had been printed and copies distributed to all Branches.

Due to additions and alterations to the draft of the Directory from some Branches, some extra cost would be involved. Also there is freight charges to be recovered from Branches. After a brief discussion, it was moved “that cost of printing of the Telephone Directory and freight charges be recovered from the Branch Associations.”

Magan Ranchod/Dayal Kesry carried

Immigration:-

The Special Committee appointed to look into the Immigration Policy of N.Z. met in February 1984 to study the draft of the new Immigration Bill which was to be put to Parliament for approval. The Draft Bill required a careful comprehensive study. There were many clauses which would discriminate against the Ethnic groups which were extracted from the draft and were brought to the notice of the Parliamentary Select Committee together with our submissions.

After a lengthy discussion on the subject it was moved that copies of submissions be sent to all the Branches.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Special Committee for their effort in getting the submissions to the Parliamentary Select Committee on Immigration for their consideration.

Priest

The General Secretary informed the Conference that a large number had responded to the advertisement placed in "Fiji Times" for a Hindu Priest or Bhaiji. Copies of these applications were referred to Branches for their consideration. As at the Conference date no firm reply had been received.

After a brief discussion on the matter the opinion of the majority was that the Priest should have a good command of Gujerati, Punjabi and English language in order to conduct services and ceremonies in these languages.

A further advertisement be placed in "Times of India" or a similar Newspaper in India with a wide circulation.

Financial Report

In presenting the Financial Report the Secretary drew attention to the outstanding affiliation fees. Branch Associations who were in arrears were requested to update their affiliation fees.

The Financial Report was adopted as presented.

President's Report

The President's Report was read and accepted by acclamation.

Election Officers

A vote of thanks was moved and accorded to the outgoing officers.

K. Vasan (Wn)/G. Moral (Taranaki)

President

Ganges B. Singh

Ravinder Powar / Ishvar Rambhai

Vice President

Shantiben Thakor

Chhotu Mistry/Parbhu Kanji

Magan Ranchhod

Ishvar Rambhai/Ramon Wallabh

Bhukhan Parbhu

Nagin Patel/Kiran Chauhan

On a secret ballot Shantiben Thakor was elected Vice President.

General Secretary
Jagdish C. Natali

Gulab Moral/C. Mistry

Assistant Secretary
Ukabhai Chhiba
Ratilal Champaneri

I. Rambhai/R. Wallabh
A. Vasan/K. Chauhan

On a secret ballot Ukabhai Chhiba was elected Assistant Secretary.

Auditor
Kantibhai Vasan

P. Kanji/S. Masters

Executive

Chhotubhai Sima
Amrit Vasan
Ishvar Rambhai
Gulab Moral
Govind Lallu
Haribhai Naran
Santokh S. Bhullar
Arvind Gordhan
Bhanubhai Patel

Auckland
Wellington
Pukekohe
Taranaki
Christchurch
Manawatu
Country Section
Rotorua
Waikato

Youth Conference

The President congratulated the newly elected officers of the N.Z. Indian Youth Group - Ramesh Dullabh, Chairman and Shila Bhana secretary. He wished the young people every success towards the progress of their activities and the next Youth Forum to be held in New Plymouth.

Ramesh Dullabh (Chairman) was given an opportunity to present a brief report of the Youth Conference.

NEW ZEALAND INDIAN YOUTH GROUP

1984 EASTER CONFERENCE REPORT

On Saturday, 21st April 1984, The New Zealand Indian Youth Group's Conference was held in Auckland, in conjunction with

the Annual General Meeting of the Central Association.

Usha Mavji, Chairperson extended a warm welcome to all those present. This was followed by an interesting and informative address by Maganbhai Patel, who expressed the need for the youth of today to maintain their identity for the preservation of the Indian Culture.

The Agenda included the election of Officers, branch reports, and open discussion on topics such as "How to achieve our objectives"; "The utilisation of a New Zealand Lottery Board Youth Grant"; and "our interaction with the Central Association via the Conference". These issues were discussed in an informal and positive manner.

Ramesh Dullabh was elected Chairperson and Seelha Bhana as Secretary. On behalf of the Youth Group, they extended thanks to Usha Mavji and Hansa Parbhu for their efficient administration of the Youth Group during the past year, and look forward to their continuous support.

Reports from the branch delegates were then given, each describing their activities since the last forum. Most branches appear to have been successful with various events such as ice-skating sessions, cultural evenings, sports activities, social and games evenings; being well patronised.

Open discussion on "how to achieve our objectives", was further debated, with a conclusion that the delegates recognised the importance of our objectives as specified by the Central Association, but also sees room for improvement. In particular there have been difficulties with contributions and circulations of Newsletters. The meeting then undertook constructive steps to resolve this matter. General consensus was that efficient and wide circulation of Newsletters was an important step towards achieving our objectives.

The "ability to utilise the New Zealand Lottery Board Youth Grant" was then discussed and it was felt that the Youth Group does not at this stage feel the need for the Grant, but does not discount the possibility of regional Youth Groups, applying for such funds. In any instance full consultation will be made with Central Association before any action is taken.

We then considered the "interaction of the Youth Group with the Central Association via the Conference". We decided that in the long-term we do require involvement in central affairs, but because of our infancy we consider it is important to strengthen ourselves before we take this step.

The Conference closed with Taranaki being the venue for the August Forum, in early September. Finally, thanks went to the organisers of the Auckland Youth Conference and their Association, for hosting such an enjoyable and successful meeting.

Number of Official Delegates from each branch:

Wellington	4
Taranaki	2
Auckland	5
Waikato	1
Pukekohe	4
Bay of Plenty	2

REMITTS AND RESOLUTIONS

From Auckland

1. "That no member of the Association should give an interview or discuss any matter with the News Media contrary to the interest of the Indian Community and which may create ill feeling and controversy amongst ourselves and the community at large".

Though this remit was not carried, those who spoke on the matter were of the opinion that where possible interviews or discussions of a contrary nature should be avoided.

2. That recognition be made of any member of the Indian Association throughout New Zealand for their outstanding service to the Indian Community and for that members' name to be recommended to the local Member of Parliament for receiving the Q.S.M. (Queens Service Medal for Community Service) or the Q.S.O. (Queens Service Order for Community Service), or similar reward and for such members, name to be published in the Queens Honour List for 1985."

Carried

3. "That establishment or registration of caste groups amongst Indians in N.Z. should be discouraged and that we should promote unity and harmony amongst our people."

Carried

Country Section

"That N.Z. Indian Telephone and address directory be printed every two years."

Because of the High cost of printing this remit was not carried.

"That during the election of office holders of the Association if candidates shall secure equal votes then the result should be declared by lottery."

S. Bhullar/R. Powar(Cnty Sect) carried

To be referred to Branches for their opinion.

Pukekohe

1. "That N.Z.I.C.A. form a Sub-Committee to look into and prepare a report on ways and means of promoting, funding and fostering Indian culture." *Carried*
The following members were elected on the Sub-Committee Uka Chhiba (Chairman); Shivilal Masters (Ak); Raman Patel (Ak); Ramon Vallabh (Puke); Nagin Patel (Wn); Ravinder Powar (Cnty Section); Rama Uka (Waikato); Shantiben Thakor (Ak); Govind Lallu (Chch); Chiman Bhana (Rotorua)
2. "That the N.Z.I.C.A. persue with the Ministry of Foreign Affair to re-establish the N.Z. High Commission Office in New Delhi." *Carried*

General Business

1. It was suggested that surplus funds in the account be invested into "Blue Chip".
2. That funds be established to assist children of our members for studies at University level.
3. Naginbhai G. Patel suggested that an International Association of Indians be formed in N.Z. There is a rising need for all Indian Associations to be gathered on an International basis to solve common problems on International level e.g. Education; Travelling; Re-habilitation of Indian Refugees; Language and Property in India.

Naginbhai was to investigate and report.

One of the Auckland Delegates informed the Conference that a person who comes to N.Z. on a temporary visa and marries a N.Z. citizen, he or she does not qualify for any Welfare Benefit unless he or she has been granted permanent residency.

After a brief discussion it was moved "That representation be made to the appropriate Minister with specific cases."

T. Parbhu (Ak)/C. Sima (Ak) carried

A congratulatory letter be sent to Mrs Bala Thompson for being appointed Justice of the Peace in N.Z.

Activities of Branches

Each Branch presented its report of the activities carried out throughout the year.

Conference 1985:

Taranaki Branch extended an invitation to hold the 1985 Conference at Easter in New Plymouth. This was accepted with acclamation.

The President, Mr Ganges Singh, in his closing address

thanked the Host Association, Auckland, for their hospitality and for organising the Conference venue.

He also thanked Mr Chhaganbhai Ganda of Auckland, for inviting all the Delegates to a Cocktail Dinner at his residence in Green Bay.

The Conference concluded at 9.30 pm with the Indian National Anthem "Jana Gana Mana".

J.C. NATALI J.P.
General Secretary

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: 23 OCTOBER 1983

An Executive Committee meeting of the Association was held in Rotorua Concert Chamber, Fenton Street on Sunday 23 October 1983 under the auspices of Rotorua Indian Association.

The meeting commenced at 3 p.m. The following were present: Ganges B. Singh (President), Bhukhan Lal (Vice President), Jagdish Natali (General Secretary), Uka Chhiba (Assistant Secretary), Ishwar Rambhai (Pukekohe), Santokh Singh Bhullar (Country Section), Diyalbhai Dheda (Rotorua), Amrat Vasan (Wellington), Thakor Gordhan (Rotorua President), Thakor Parbhu (Special Committee Member).

Life Members: J.K. Natali, Piara Singh, Karam Singh Basi.

Youth Representative: Usha Mavji

Apologies: Bhanubhai Patel (Waikato), Haribhai Naran (Manawatu), Ranchhod Kana (Pukekohe), Shivilal Masters, Diyal Kesry, Ramesh Patel, Khushal Madhu, Govina Kanji, Narsai Vallabh, Chhiba Lala, Parag Kanji, Parbhu Bhikha, Ravji C. Hari (Life Members)

Delegates were welcomed by the Host President, Thakor Gordhan, who wished the meeting every success.

The General Secretary pointed out that Thakor Parbhu's name (Immediate Past President) was omitted in error from the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held in Auckland. He apologised for the omission.

Moved that the minutes be accepted as circulated.

Diyal Dheda (Rotorua)/Bhukhan Parbhu (Wellington)

Matters Arising Out of Minutes:

1. Historical Report:

Letter be sent to Christchurch Association reminding that the 31 Historical Books they returned had been paid for by the Central Association. Therefore it is their responsibility to dispose the books and reimburse the Association with \$387.50.

2. Advertisement on Annual Report:

It was decided at the Executive Committee meeting held in Auckland that a member of the Association be given first preference for placing an advertisement in the report. However, it was disappointing to note no member of the Association showed any interest in placing the advertisement.

The President stated that he was able to convince Alcan to place their advertisement again at a cost of \$150.00.

It was suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to Alcan together with a copy of the Association's report.

3. Branch Association Life Membership:

It was reported that Life Membership accorded by Branch Associations last year was not reported at the Annual Conference. The following members were honoured with Life Membership:-

Vallabhbhai Hira)	
Late Chhibabhai Parbhu)	Wellington
Late Ranchhodbhai Rama)	
Ravjibhai Unka)	
Bhanabhai Khushal)	Pukekohe

The President suggested that consideration be given to according Life Membership to past Presidents and Officials who have given long valuable service to the Association, but are not life members of the Branches.

After a lengthy discussion it was suggested that the matter be left in obedience until the next conference.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Labour Department (Immigration)

After a lengthy discussion on temporary visitors permit and permanent visa to enter N.Z., it was resolved "That the Association obtain information from the Branch Association members who may have had difficulty or problems in obtaining visas for N.Z. The report to be in the hands of General Secretary by 30 November 1983, so that an appropriate action can be taken."

2. Letter from Broadcasting Corporation of N.Z.:

Letter was read and discussed. As this letter did not cover Television Programme, it was suggested that we write to T.V. Division of B.C.N.Z. and enquire about screening of Indian Programmes on Television.

3. Telecommunication:

The poor service and quality of Telecommunication still exists from India to N.Z. and in order to improve the service, Mr Unkabhai Chhiba suggested we write to Mr Sharma (Supervisor in Bombay Telephone Exchange) with whom he had personally discussed the problem.

4. Re-Settlement of Indian (Ugandan) Refugees:

The re-settlement case of Messrs M.K. Patel and V.K. Patel was not satisfactorily resolved, therefore it was suggested that we refer the matter direct to the Minister of Immigration in N.Z. for his consideration.

5. South Auckland Cultural Society:

A further letter from South Auckland Cultural Society, asking the Association to reconsider their application for affiliation to the Central Body.

After a brief discussion it was moved: "That we write to the South Auckland Cultural Society stating that affiliation to the Central Association of any Branch is governed by the Constitution of the Association".

S. Bhullar (Country Section)/A. Vasan (Wellington)

Telephone Directory:

The Secretary informed the meeting that the draft is ready for printing. It was suggested that the draft be sent to all the branches for any corrections and be returned by 14.11.83. That the monies for Directory to be sent in with the draft.

The Secretary also informed the meeting that the response for advertisements was rather poor. Having regard to advertisements on hand, it was calculated that cost to Branches will be \$1.75 per copy. This was agreed upon by the members present.

Hindu Priest or Sikh Bhaiji:

The General Secretary advised that the response to the Advertisement in Fiji Times for a Hindu Priest or Sikh Bhaiji was very good.

It was moved that applications for Sikh Bhaiji be referred to Country Section and that of Hindu Priest be vetted by the

Executives based in Auckland and Pukekohe and recommendations be sent to Branches.

Bhukhan Parbhu (Wellington)/Unka Chhiba (Pukekohe)

General Business:

1. Mr Unkabhai Chhiba pointed out that in order to utilise maximum time for the Conference, the Host Association should liaise closely with the General Secretary in formulating programme for the conference.

2. The Association was informed that congratulatory letters be sent to:-

a. Mr Unka Chhiba for being elected on the Council of Federation of N.Z. Vegetable Growers Association.

b. Messrs Bhukhan Lal Parbhu and Vallabhbhai Hira for being appointed Justice of the Peace for N.Z.

3. A letter to Mrs Indira Gandhi and her Government showing our concern at the trouble in the State of Punjab between the Hindus and the Sikhs.

That urgent action be taken by the Central Government to bring an end to the atrocities in that State.

S. Bhulla (Country Section)/A. Vasan (Wellington)

4. Mr T. Parbhu (Auckland) informed the meeting that the word "Curry Muncher" and "That the Indian Dairy Owners short changing the customers" used by Auckland City Councillor Jolyan Firth, made a headline in the local newspaper and other news media.

We tried to defuse the matter by asking Jolyan Firth to retract his remarks and apologies to the Community. Jolyan Firth did neither and the matter is now in the hands of Race Relations Conciliation.

The President Ganges Singh, thanked the Rotorua Association for hosting the meeting and providing after tea and cocktail party in the evening.

The meeting concluded at 7 p.m.

JAGDISH NATALI
General Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS JANUARY-DECEMBER 1983

RECEIPTS

Opening Balance

Current Account	2360.80	
Cash on hand	25.00	2385.80

Interest

Current Account	37.36	
Current Account	50.36	87.72

Affiliation Fees

Pukekohe 1981/82	210.00	
Auckland 1982/83	497.00	
Wellington 1981/82	557.00	
Taranaki 1982/83	59.00	
Rotorua 1980/81)		
Rotorua 1981/82)	120.00	
Country Section 1982/83	70.00	
Waikato 1982/83	36.00	1549.00

Historical Book

Taranaki (6 books)	72.00	
Taranaki balance on books	3.00	

Gujerat Flood Relief Fund

Auckland	1000.00	
		\$5097.52

Payments

School Certificate Prizes

1st - Ashok N. Parbhu	50.00	
2nd - Amrat Sukha	20.00	
3rd - Nirmala Bhana	10.00	80.00

Gandhi Memorial Prize		50.00
P. O. Box rental		35.00
Postage		63.53
Telegrams		18.75
Gujerat Flood Relief Fund refund to Auckland		1000.00
Photocopying Greys Motors		7.00
Annual Report and Postage Waitemata Press		1012.17
Advertisement for Priest Fiji Times (2 inserts)		61.46
Government Cheque Duty		3.00
Bank Balance		2766.61
		\$5097.52

I certify that the above accounts have been audited and found to be correct.

K. L. Vason
(Auditor)

Indian National Anthem

JANA GANA MANA ADHI
NAYAK JAY HE
BHARAT BHAGYA VIDHATA,
PUNJAB SINDH GUJARAT MARATHA
DARAVID UCHKAL BANGA,
VINDHYA HIMACHAL YAMUNA GANGA
UTCHHAL JALDHI TARANGA
TAV SHUBH NAME JAGE
TAV SHUBH ASHISH MANGE
GAHE TAV JAY GATHA
JANA GANA MANGAL DAYAK JAY HE
BHARAT BHAGYA VIDHATA,
JAYA HE, JAYA HE, JAYA HE,
JAYA, JAYA, JAYA, JAYA HE.

Translation:

Thou art the ruler of the minds of all people,
Thou Dispenser of India's destiny.
Thy name rouses the hearts
of the Punjab, Sind, Gujarat and Maratha,
of Dravid, Orissa and Bengal.
It echoes in the hills of the Vindhyas and Himalayas,
mingles in the music of Jumna and Ganges,
and is chanted by the waves of the Indian Sea.
They pray for Thy blessing and sing Thy praise,
Thou Dispenser of India's destiny,
Victory, Victory, Victory to Thee.

LIST OF SECRETARIES

The Secretary,
The New Zealand Indian Central Association (Inc.),
P.O. Box 1941,
Wellington

The Secretary,
Auckland Indian Association Inc.,
P.O. Box 2622,
Auckland

The Secretary,
Wellington Indian Association Inc.,
90 Tasman Street,
Wellington

The Secretary,
Bay of Plenty (Rotorua) Indian Association Inc.,
P.O. Box 294,
Rotorua

The Secretary,
Waikato Indian Association,
43 Cunningham Road,
Beerscourt,
Hamilton

The Secretary,
Pukekohe Indian Association Inc.,
P.O. Box 149,
Pukekohe

The Secretary,
Manawatu-Hawke's Bay Indian Association,
43 The Square
Palmerston North

The Secretary,
Taranaki Indian Association,
4 Vogel Street,
Hawera

The Secretary,
Christchurch Indian Association Inc.,
P.O. Box 22423,
Christchurch

The Secretary,
Country Section Indian Association,
146 Maeroa Road,
Hamilton

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