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CENTRAL ASSOCIATION**

(Inc.)



**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
REPORT**



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**NEW ZEALAND INDIAN
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION**
INC

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GULAB V. MORAL (New Plymouth)

Vice President:

PIARA SINGH (Country Section)

General Secretary:

BHUKHAN LAL PARBHU (Wellington)

Under Secretary:

AMRIT L. VASAN (Wellington)

Auditor:

PARBHUBHAI KANJI (Auckland)

Executive Committee:

JAGDISH NATALI (Auckland)

JAVANT H. PATEL (Wellington)

MAGAN BHAI RANCHHOD
(Pukekohe)

CHANDU MAVJI (Rotorua)

RAMAN BHUDHIA (Christchurch)

BHANU PATEL (Waikato)

HARBANS SINGH RANDHAWA
(Country Section)

RAMAN BHAI KHANDU (Manawatu)

PARBHU BHAI PEMA (Taranaki)

KANTI L. VASAN (Immediate Past
President)

DELEGATES PRESENT**CONFERENCE DELEGATES****Auckland:**

1. Jagdishbhai C. Natali
2. Chhotubhai L. Mistry
3. Navinbhai Morarji
4. Parbhubhai Kanji
5. Thakorbhai Parbhu
6. Nanubhai Bhana
7. Shantiben Thakor
8. Ramanbhai Patel
9. Kantibhai Dahya
10. Chandubhai Nathu

Christchurch:

No Attendance

Country Section:

1. DaulatSingh
2. Piara Singh
3. G.S. Belling
4. Nirmal Singh
5. Har krishan singh Kung
6. Santok Singh Bhulla

Manawatu:

1. Haribhai Naran
2. Janardhan J. Patel
3. Ramanbhai Khandu

Pukekohe:

1. Ganges Singh
2. Ishvarbhai Rambhai
3. Dhanjibhai Govind
4. Ravji Bhai Uka
5. Maganbhai Ranchhod
6. Induben Panchia
7. Deviben Chhiba
8. Paragbhai Kanji
9. Khandubhai Parag
10. Khushalbhai Naran

Rotorua:

1. Chandubhai Mavji
2. Chimanbhai Bhana

3. Shivilalbai Masters
4. Ishwarlal W. Bhana
5. Maganbhai Ranchhod
6. Diyalbhai Dheda
7. Ambubhai Ramji

Taranaki:

1. Naranbhai
2. Chhibabhai L. Patel
3. Parbhbbhai Pema
4. Chhaganbhai Parag

Waikato:

1. Rambhai Uka
2. Maganbhai Parbhu
3. Bhanubhai Patel
4. Deojibhai Patel

Wellington:

1. Amratbhai Dullabh
2. Bhupendra T. Naik
3. Bhanabhai Naik
4. Govindbhai Kanji
5. Kantibhai L. Vasam
6. Nanubhai Madhav
7. Kanjibhai Bhula
8. Naginbhai G. Patel
9. Thakorbhai N. Vallabh
10. Maniben B. Naik

Attending Life Members:

1. Karam Singh
2. Lalbhai N. Patel
3. Deoji Bhai Patel
4. J. K. Natati

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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1976/77

Ladies and Gentlemen,

An anniversary is a time to look to the past, not to glory in the endeavors of our predecessors as an excuse to rest on our laurels, but to draw inspiration from past achievements and learn from past errors.

An anniversary is a time for reassessment of the present so that the best in our Association can be strengthened and extended and the worst changed or abandoned.

An anniversary is a time for looking forward for planning to satisfy future needs and meet future challenges.

Last year we celebrated 50 years of the New Zealand Indian Central Association. Our first meeting was in Taumarunui on the 24th July, 1926, and 13 members were present. What have we achieved during this time? I had hoped that we could have had material by the time of this present meeting concerning the History of the Association, but to date the response from the members to a request for information has been very poor, and it appears as if it will take a long time to gather and collate information for a satisfactory publication.

I urge every one of you to make a greater effort and forward any relevant facts you may have regarding your own Associations to the Secretary as soon as possible.

Our recent updated constitution outlines the aims and objects of the Central Association. Do you feel as members of the Association that we as a body have lived up to its resolutions? There is a difference between enthusiasm and apathy, between willing cheerful co-operation and reluctant minimum involvement, between a happy Association of energetic achievers and doleful club of time servers, between finding being an Association member a joyful experience and finding it a chore, between being awake and being asleep. I would ask every member of each Association to be self critical and judge just what type of member he would prefer to be. I trust that the result will be a better participation of members in all Association activities.

During the year progress was made in the following spheres:

1. Films
2. Old Age Pension and Superannuation
3. Air Travel
4. Sponsoring of a preacher from Ishvariya Vidhyalaya.

As these subjects will be reported on in the minutes of the Executive Meeting held in Taumarunui on the 7th November 1976, I will not elaborate any further.

A statement on behalf of the Indian community who opposed and were of the firm conviction that

the All Blacks Tour to South Africa was against the interest of mankind as a whole was also published in the New Zealand press prior to the departure of the All Blacks. I would like to thank Jayant H. Patel (Wellington) and i3hukhanbhai for their help in compiling that article.

It is with regret that I record the passing of Parbhubhai Kasanji the father of Thakorbbhai Parbhu. He was a Life Member of the Association and one of its stalwarts.

In conclusion, best wishes to you all for a happy and enjoyable Conference.

Gulab V. Moral
PRESIDENT

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 51st Conference of the New Zealand Indian Central Association Incorporated was held in Morrinsville under the auspices of the Country Section Indian Association. The venue was the Morrinsville Senior Citizens Hall, Morrinsville on the 9th April, 1977, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Mr Harbans Singh Randhawa, the president of the host branch welcomed the delegates and the guests and introduced the Guest Speakers, Mr Luxton M.P. for Piako and his wife; and His Worship the Mayor of Morrinsville Mr Wiseley.

Both Guest speakers expressed their admiration of the Indian community in their District and at large, with whom they have been in regular contact. His Worship then formally declared the conference opened. The President, Gulabbhai V. Moral in reply expressed his gratitude to the Official Guests, the Host Association for having the conference and expressed the hope that the Conference will be a success.

The meeting then adjourned for morning tea and recommenced at 11:30a.m. Two minutes' silence was observed by the conference as a mark of respect for those members, including the late Parbhubhai Kasanji, (a life member of the Association) and patriots who had passed away during the year. Apologies from the Christchurch Indian Association for not sending any delegates, Ravjibhai Hira (Wellington) and Rameshbhai Patel (Auckland) both life members of the Association, were received. The minutes of the previous conference were read. Pukekohe delegation expressed dissatisfaction at the way in which the minutes were recorded in respect of their Film Appeal and moved a motion to record fuller details but the motion was defeated. Auckland's amending motion that the last year's motion requesting Auckland to pay within 14 days the amount of \$463 in respect of Kirk Memorial fund deducted by them from Pukekohe's Film Hirage be expended to read that the Central also immediately refund the Trust Fund to Branches. The motion was lost. The minutes were then adopted.

Kanti L. Vasan (Wellington)/G.S. Bellington (Cty. Section).

Life Membership Badge and Golden Jubilee Commemorative Medallion were then presented to Mr Deojibhai Patel (Waikato). Shivilal B. Masters (Rotorua) past president of the Central Association was also awarded the Commemorative Medallion.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

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1. 1976 School Certificate Prizes:

First Prize Ratilal M. Ranchhod	(352) Pukekohe
Second Equal Ushaben C. Mavji	(334) Rotorua
Second Equal Archana Hegde	(334) Wellington
Fourth Aswin Patel	(332) Wellington•

It was unanimously resolved that as there were two second equal prizes a fourth prize of \$10 be awarded this year.

2. Telephone and Address Directory

A draft Directory was presented to the Conference. It was resolved that it be forwarded to the Branches for Amendments and alteration with a request that they be returned to the Secretary by the 30th June, 1977.

3. Air Indian — Re-Ticketing Office — Navsari

The Secretary reported that he had met the Manager of Air India, Surat whilst he was in Wellington and from discussion it appeared that Air India was not in a position to establish a ticketing office in Navsari in the near future due to lack of patronage.

4. Old Age Pension/Superannuation

Details requested from branches for the preparation of the submissions at the Ministerial Level, were not to hand and Branches were requested to provide details.

5. Bronze Certificate

No progress report was available from Dayalbhai Kesry. However, it was resolved that this matter be left to Daylbhai to pursue it further.

6. Constitution and Standing Orders

It was reported that the constitution was in the process of being registered and copies of the constitution were distributed to the Branches.

INWARD AND OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE

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1. Letter received from Bhanubhai Patel (Waikato) requesting that the Conference give thought to Sal Baba's Chain letters. This matter was discussed and the following resolutions were passed:

a. That the Central drafts and forwards a letter to Branches advising members that they disregard and not fear the consequences of the Chain Letters being circulated.

Shantiben T. Patel (Auckland)/G.S. Belling (Cty. Section) — **Carried**

b. That the Central informs the N.Z. Sal Baba Society of the chain letters and requests them to take appropriate action to discourage the circulation of such letters.

Thakorbhai Patel (Auckland)/Bhanubhai Patel (Waikato).

2. Letter written to Air India, Auckland, submitting the Draft representation to the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation for Excursion Fare of 180 days all year round. No reply was received from Auckland office but it was resolved to pursue this matter further.

Kanti Dahya (Auckland)/Chhotubhai Mistry (Auckland) — **Carried**

3. Letter received from Justice Department requesting Sporting Body and Social and Cultural Clubs and Associations to submit applications for permit for sale of liquor on their Club rooms or premises was tabled and circulated to Branches.

4. Congratulatory telegram to Mr Morarji Desai, the new Prime Minister of India and a telegram from Mr Narsinhbhai Vallabh (Wellington) from Navsari wishing the conference well were also tabled by the secretary.

Inward and Outward Correspondence were endorsed.

Nirmal Singh/G.S. Belling (Country Section).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

That the report be Adopted.

Bhanabhai Naik/Govindbhai Kanji (Wellington) — **Carried.**

TAUMARUNUI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

That the minutes be adopted.

J.K, Natali (Auckland)/G.S. Belling (Cty. Section) — **Carried.**

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

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1. Air Travel

The Secretary reported that Jayant H. Patel and he met Mr Brumby, the New Zealand Manager of the Air India to discuss the Air Fares. A draft Submission was later prepared and forwarded to Air India Auckland for Approval. The new Excursion Fare of \$939 plus Tax for 90 Days Validity all year round was reported to the conference by Mr Brumby in person.

2. Historical Report

The Secretary tabled format of the Proposed Historical report which was unanimously approved after an addition of a further sub heading of Culture Tradition and Religion. Nirmal Singh (Cty. Section), Chandubhai Mavji (Rotorua). The format is as follows:

SUGGESTED FORMAT OF HISTORICAL REPORT

1. Index
2. Forward by either the Governor General or the Prime Minister
3. Message from the Indian High Commissioner
4. HISTORICAL SURVEY: Branches to gather information by personal contact of the families whose members arrived here during the period 1901-1930 and from THESES written on their area. Listed below are the Theses written pertaining the Indians in New Zealand.

Auckland:

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| 1. Eric Grimes | Indians in New Zealand, Sociocultural Situation on Migrant from India in the Auckland Province MA 1957
301.45109 G86 |
| 2. Mahammed Taher | Asians in New Zealand, Geographical Review and Interpration. Phd 1965
325.95 T12 |
| 3. Wanda Fabia Nair | Study of Assimilation and Parental Attitude of Chinese & Indian in the Auckland Metropolitan Area. MA (Education 1976) 76.226 |

Waikato/Country Section

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 1. T.C. Polaksappa | A Study in Dynamics of Institution — Indian Immigrants in Waikato (New Zealand) MA Phd. |
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Wellington:

- | | |
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| 1. T.G. McGee | The Indian Community in Wellington. MA 1961 |
|---------------|---|

It is recommended that Branches concerned should acquire copies of these Theses and hold them in their library for their members reference.

5. CULTURE, TRADITIONS, RELIGIONS

6. STATISTICS from 1901 to date including population growth, occupation etc. (these details are already held by the Secretary).

7. List of Presidents and Secretaries from 1926 to 1976

8. Passport size photographs of existing and late Life Members with a brief biography (Branches to provide details).

9. Brief history of each branch with details of Assets acquired, future plans and present day problems.

10. Achievements of Central Association (from Minutes Etc.)

11. What the future holds.

The responsibility for the preparation of the report rests with the Executive. Branch level information is the delegates responsibility. It is suggested that each branch form a sub-committee for the compiling the information which should be in the hands of the secretary say within three months time.

ELECTION

Word of thanks was accorded to the out going officers and Gulabbhai V. Moral was nominated the interim chairman.

Thakorbhai N. Vallabh/Naginbhai G. Patel (Wellington) — **Carried.**

PRESIDENT:

Gulabbhai V. Moral (Taranaki) unanimously re-elected.

Deojibhai Patel (Waikato)/Thakorbhai Parbhu (Auckland).

Vice-President

Ganges Singh (Pukekohe) unanimously elected.

Maganbhai Ranchhod (Pukekohe/Shivlal B. Masters (Rotorua)

General Secretary

Bhukhan Lal Parbhu unanimously re-elected.

Nirmal Singh (Country Section)/Nanubhai Bhana (Auckland)

Under Secretary

Amrit L. Vasan unanimously re-elected.

Bhanabhai Naik (Wellington)/Parbhubhai Pema (Taranaki)

Auditor

Parbhubhai Kanji unanimously re-elected.

Shantiben T. Parbhu (Auckland)/Kanti L. Vasan (Wellington).

Executive Committee

1. Jagdish C. Natali (Auckland)
2. Ramanbhai Budhia (Christchurch)
3. Harbans Singh Randhawa (Country Section)
4. Ramanbhai Khandu (Manawatu)
5. Maganbhai Ranchhod (Pukekohe)
6. Shivlal B. Masters (Rotorua)
7. Chhibabhai L. Patel (Taranaki)
8. Bhanubhai Patel (Waikato)
9. Bhanabhai Naik (Wellington)

The interpretation of "Immediate Past President" was raised and the President ruled that the term means a President holding office for the preceding year.

REMITTS AND RESOLUTIONS

AUCKLAND:

Because of convenience and also that Auckland Branch has been handling fair amount of work regarding film matters in the past six months or so it is felt that the matter of film handling be passed on to Auckland.

Jagdish C. Natali/Shantiben T. Parbhu (Auckland) — **Carried.**

WELLINGTON:

1. The Wellington Branch nominates Mr Narsinhbhai Vallabh and Govindbhai Kanji (both life members of Wellington) to be life members of the New Zealand Indian Central Association.

Bhanabhai Naik/Bhupendra Naik (Wellington) — **Carried.**

2. That Central investigate the possibility of sponsoring a preacher from Ishvariya Vishva

Vidhyalaya to New Zealand in order, to further the cause of and promote the Hindu Religion. Bhanabhai Naik/Kanti L. Vasani (Wellington). This matter was extensively discussed at the Executive Meeting and reported on. Similar views were expressed by the majority of the delegates and by Ravjibhai Hira (Wellington) Life Member, in a letter to the Conference. This remit was lost by majority votes.

NEW ZEALAND RAVIDAS SABHA

A letter from New Zealand Ravidas Sabha seeking membership of the Association was read and their President Mr J.K.R. Power was allowed to address the Conference. His contention was that the members of his Sabha were never elected to attend the Central Conference as delegates and sought permanent representation to the Conference. The matter was fully discussed and it was pointed out to Mr Power that the delegates to the Central Conference were elected by each affiliated Association and normally this would be people who would have actively participated in the activities of the Association concerned. Though the members of his Sabha were also the members of the various Associations for a number of years, it was pointed out that they had not taken active parts in the meetings etc. of the various Associations concerned and consequently were not elected as delegates. The advice from the Conference to Mr Power and his members was that they take active part in the Associations they belong to and be elected to come to the conference. Furthermore the affiliation to the Central Association was for Indian Association representing Indian community of a specific area not for Associations, or Societies or religious groups or Sects whose members were already represented by the Indian Association in their area. Their application was accordingly declined.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Gandhi Memorial Prize be increased from \$25 to \$50.

Thakorbhai N. Vallabh (Wellington)/Maganbhai Ranchhod (Pukekohe) **Carried.**

2. Ramanbhai Ganda (ChCh) was appointed as a Justice of Peace. A congratulatory letter from the Association to be written to him.

Carried.

3. Films:

This matter was very extensively discussed. Wellington Branch reported that they were making loss on the screening of the films and requested the film hireage agreed at the meeting held in Wellington on the 16th May, 1976 be reviewed and put forward the suggestion that the Hireage between Auckland and Wellington be shared on 60/40% basis. Pukekohe also declared that their Association was also making loss on the present hireage. After a lengthy discussion it was resolved that the terms of the film Hireage be agreed to as resolved at the Wellington Meeting held on 16 May 1976 for the next six months. Namely Auckland and Wellington share the cost equally;

Pukekohe Hireage: Films costing up to \$500 (excluding freight) \$50. Films costing more than \$500

(excluding freight) \$50 + 5% of amount exceeding \$500.

Minor Branch Hirage: Films costing up to \$500 (excluding freight) \$30. Films costing more than \$500 (excluding freight) \$30 + 5% of amount exceeding \$500.

Bhukhan Lal Parbhu (Wellington)/Shantiben T. Parbhu (Auckland)— Carried.

4. A letter from Mrs Jacqueline V. Williams, who is doing her PhD Thesis on the History of Gujarati Community in New Zealand, requesting access to our Historical records and reports was tabled by the Secretary. It was unanimously approved to make available to Mrs Williams any records, information and assistance to enable her to complete her thesis.

Activities of Branches

Branches reported marked improvement in their religious, educational, cultural and sporting activities. Wellington is now operating two Sunday Schools. Pukekohe has also established a Mahila Samaj and are upgrading their Nerhu Hall. Country Section has almost completed the construction of their Guru Dwara at an approximate cost of \$150,000, and hope to officially open it in the near future. Most branches took advantage of the preaching of Nirmala Devi whilst she was in New Zealand. Films still remain the major activity and a media for social gathering at most branches. Good support and understanding was received from the majority of our people in overcoming the film problem and eliminating competition from the third party.

The various delegates expressed their appreciation to the Country Section Association for their hospitality and warm welcome.

Conference 1978

Mr Jagdish C. Natali, on behalf of the Auckland Indian Association, extended an invitation to hold the next Annual Conference in Auckland. The invitation was accepted by acclamation.

The President thanked all the delegates for attending the Conference and making it a great success. The Host Association was congratulated for providing fine facilities and excellent meals. He also expressed his hope that more lady delegates will attend at the future conferences and that they will take more active part in the deliberations.

A successful conference concluded at 6.30 p.m. with the singing of the National Anthem Jan Gan Man.

Bhukhan Lal Parbhu
General Secretary.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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An Executive Committee Meeting of the Association was held on Sunday the 7th November 1976, at 9.45 am. in the Taumarunui War Memorial Hall, Taumarunui, and was attended by the following:

AUCKLAND:	Jagdish C. Natali, Lalbhai N. Patel (Life Member), Parbhubhai Kanji.
COUNTRY SECTION:	Harbnas Singh Randhawa, Piara Singh, Chain Singh, G.S. Belling.
MANAWATU:	Ramanbhai Khandu.
PUKEKOHE:	Maganbhai Ranchhod, Ravjibhai Uka.
ROTORUA:	Chandubhai Mavji.
TARANAKI:	Gulabbhai V. Moral (President).
WAIKATO:	Bhanubhai Patel, Deojibhai Patel (Life Member).
WELLINGTON:	Jayant H. Patel, Bhanabhai Naik, Ravjibhai Hira (Life Member)
Bhukhan	Lal Parbhu (Secretary), Amrit L. Vasan (Assistant Secretary).

Two minutes silence was observed in honour of late Parbhubhai Kasanji, a Life Member of the Association who had recently passed away. Deojibhai Patel paid tribute to the service Parbhubhai rendered to the Auckland and Central Association.

APOLOGIES:

Christchurch:	Ramanbhai Budhia
Country Section:	Karam Singh (Life Member), J.K. Natali (Life Member), Ki. Vasan (Imed. Past President).

H. Patel/J.C. Natali. **Carried.**

Mr Harbans Singh Randhawa then welcomed the Executive, Life Members and the other representatives from Branches on behalf of the New Zealand Indian Central Association Country Section Branch and read the minutes of their Branch Meeting which was held 50 years ago on 17 April 1926. It was their Foundation Meeting held with the object of presenting an united front against the racist White League of Pukekohe, an organisation whose aim was suppression of the development of multi-racial society in New Zealand. Their propaganda was mainly directed towards the Indian and the Chinese communities by feeding misleading information to the New Zealand public. The idea of Central Association was also mooted at this meeting. Mr Singh then tabled a request from the Hocken Library of the University of Otago, Dunedin, to permit them to take copies of the historical records and documents for their archives. It was decided that the Hocken Library be allowed to copy the records but the publishing rights of materials from the records should be given to Central and only after the Central has published its 50 years History

should the University be allowed to use the material.

The minutes of the previous Executive Committee were then taken as read and adopted with a few minor alterations.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. An inquiry to the Association from an Auckland resident for details of the present immigration policy pertaining to permanent entry on family reunification and humanitarian grounds was referred to Immigration Department. The department replied direct to the person concerned and forwarded us a copy of reply which clearly quoted the present policy. It was decided that this be circulated to Branches for circulation to their members for information.
2. A letter from Dunedin Indian Association advising that they have merged with New Zealand India Society (Otago/South land) to form a new organisation known as India Society of Otago & Southland and implied that they did not wish to join us.
3. A letter was written to Dayalbhai Kesry to pursue further the question of Bronze Certificate and forward any Historical material that he may have collected for the Association in the past.
4. The President tabled a press statement that was released on his behalf on the eve of the departure of the All Blacks to South Africa protesting against their involvement in the racist sport and informed that it received good publicity in -the press and radio. He recorded his thanks to Jayant H. Patel (Wellington) for preparing and releasing the statement whilst the Secretary was hospitalised.

ISHVARIYA VISHVA VIDHYALAYA

Wellington resolution that Central be requested to' discuss and investigate the possibility of sponsoring a preacher from Ishvariya Vishva Vidhyalay to New Zealand in order to further the cause of and promote the Hindu religion was discussed and a letter from a disciple of this section, Jivanbhai Dahyabhai of Karori, Wellington, outlining the details of the aims, objects and the work of this organisation which was founded in 1937 was read. Ravjibhai Hira (Wellington) Life Member opposed the resolution on the grounds that the majority of Hindus in New Zealand were the followers of Sanatan Dharam which is thousands of years old. This section does not believe in the Sanatan Principles and Lord Krishna and has a very small following in New Zealand. Jagdish Natali (Auckland) also endorsed these sentiments and they both felt that what the Association needed was someone who could besides preaching Hindism of Sanatan Section, teach Indian culture, philosophy, music, dancing etc. and Jagdishbhai advised that Swami Abhagananda who is in New Zealand on permanent basis, being sponsored by Henderson Yoga Centre, would be happy to offer his services to the Association if asked. The Waikato, Country Section and Pukekohe Branches also agreed to these sentiments. However, after due consideration to Wellington Submission it was resolved that Wellington Branch obtains further details and that this matter be placed on the Agenda at the next Conference,

J.H. Patel/Raman Khandu — **Carried.**

OLD AGE PENSION/SUPERANNUATION

The Secretary reported that the matter of payment of old age pension to the beneficiaries residing in India was being investigated but little hope of success was foreseen from Social Welfare Department and requested that the Branches provide details of people affected for submissions to be made to the Minister. It was resolved that the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary pursue this matter further.

J.H. Patel/Maganbhai Ranchhod — **Carried.**

AIR TRAVEL

A letter from Air India was presented by Lalbhai N. Patel which gave details of the present air fares and informed the meeting that Air India was currently negotiating a cheap return fare of \$899 between India and New Zealand but are still awaiting the outcome. Jayant H. Patel also confirmed these details and advised that four Senior Air India Executives from India and Australia had discussed air fare matters with him in February 1976, and again in October 1976, and that these discussions were to continue this month when an Executive from Air India was to come to Wellington from Sydney. 'It was resolved that Jayant H. Patel and Bhukhan Lal Parbhu meet the Executive, discuss air fares and make submissions to the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation seeking lower excursion fares as extended to other ethnic groups in New Zealand.

Jagdish Natali/Bhanubhai Patel — **Carried.**

HISTORICAL REPORT

Secretary advised the meeting that very little material or facts were available to prepare this report. It was decided that each Branch form a sub committee, gather information and report the details to the Secretary by 31 January 1977.

FILMS

Damodar & Sharan Bros. letter of 16 October was read and discussed. The following terms were agreed to be submitted to them for supplying of films:

Places of Screening: That we be allowed to screen each film 8 times (includes two screenings for Auckland).

Agent: Films be forwarded to Mr Jim Marquet, who will attend customs clearance and censoring. All costs including clearance, censor, internal freight, air freight from Suva back to Suva payable by us.

Period: We obtain the films for a period of 10 weeks from date of receipt from the Agent to the date of return to him.

Exclusive Rights: That they supply the films to us on exclusive basis and we agree to deal with them exclusively.

Minimum Quantity: We accept minimum of 30 films per year.

Price: This be fixed according to grades A, B, C at \$700, \$600 and \$500 respectively.

Agreement: This is not an agreement. Films are to be supplied on trial basis.

The meeting was advised by the Country Section, Waikato and Auckland Branches that they had received threat of legal action from Fijian Film Distributors for issuing circulars and picketing theatres requesting their members not to support screening by opposition. These threats were ignored and agitation continued successfully. The meeting also noted the fact that the circular issued by the Central was very well received by the members of our community throughout New Zealand.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Constitution

The Secretary advised that the amendments to the constitution were now, almost completed and that registration will, follow. It was decided that each Branch be sent a reasonable number of copies, say 10 to major Branches and 5 to smaller.

Telephone Directory

Each Branch was requested to forward names and addresses of members direct to Zodiac Print on the form supplied by 30 November 1976. It was also resolved that the practice of listing the names in alphabetic order of first name rather than the surname be continued. ‘

The President thanked ‘the Host Branch for their hospitality and concluded the meeting at 1.00 p.m.

Bhukhan Lal Parbhu
General Secretary

LIST OF SECRETARIES OF N Z INDIAN CENTRAL AND OF BRANCHES

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Auckland

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Rotorua

The Secretary,
Waikato Indian Association,
52 Avalon Drive,
Frankton

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

The Secretary,
Country Section Indian Association Inc..
30 Old Taupiri Road,
Ngaruawahia

The Secretary,
Manawatu — Hawke's Bay Indian Association,
10 Stirling Crescent,
Palmerston North

The Secretary,
Taranaki Indian Association,
63 Egmont Street,
Patea

The Secretary
Christchurch Indian Association Inc.,

6 Raycroft Street,
Christchurch

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT - (JANUARY – DECEMBER 1976)

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RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
Balance in B.N.Z. Term Deposit		\$3125.00	School certificate prizes		
Balance in B.N.Z. Current A/c		1181.34	1 st Prize Dilip Naik		
Interest:			(Wellington)	50.00	
B.N.Z. C/A	38.62		2 nd Prize Dinesh Nana		
B.N.Z. Term Deposit	<u>226.57</u>	265.19	(Wellington)	20.00	
Affiliation Fees:			3 rd Prize Hari Uka		
Auckland 1974/75	12.80		(Pukekohe)	<u>10.00</u>	80.00
1975/76	120.00		Golden Jubilee Medallions		
107.20			Hensan and Berry Ltd	250.00	
Christchurch 1975/76	19.00		United Packers Ltd	<u>41.40</u>	291.40
Country Section 1975/76	12.00		Pukekohe's Film Hirage		
Pukekohe 1975/76	21.00		Held In Trust		
Rotorua 1974/75 1975/76	32.00		Auckland	463.00	
Waikato 1974/75 1975/76	16.00		Wellington	<u>140.00</u>	603.00
Wellington 1974/75	<u>186.00</u>	406.00	Zodiac Print 1975 conference		
New Plymouth Photographs			Report		38.00
Auckland	60.00		Zealandia Stationary-folders		9.40
Pukekohe	37.50		Bank Charges		<u>0.17</u>
Rotorua	30.00		Balance		
Taranaki	7.50		B.N.Z. A/c		1593.16
Waikato	22.50		B.N.Z. Term Deposit		<u>3125.00</u>
B.L. Parbhu	<u>13.50</u>	171.00			<u>\$5740.13</u>
Kirk memorial fund					
Auckland	463.00				
Country Section	77.19				
Waikato	51.41	<u>591.60</u>			
		<u><u>\$5740.13</u></u>			

I certify that the accounts have been audited and found to be correct. – PARBHUBHAI KANJI (Auditor)