

(Preparations & Formation of Reception  
Committee for 7<sup>th</sup> National Conf  
of BKMU from  
9-7 Oct 1988  
Kerala)

1988 Aug 10

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STATE KERALA THOZHILAL  
TRIVANDRUM  
Kerala State Khet Mazdoor Union Reception Committee

Bharatiya Khet Mazdoor Union (BKMU) at Palghat  
Seventh National Conference  
4 to 7 - October, 1988 at  
Palghat, Kerala.

Trivandrum, Aug. 10-

Preparations for holding the seventh national conference of the Bharatiya Khet Mazdoor Union (BKMU) at Palghat, Kerala on 4 to 7 - October, 1988 have started in full swing with the constitution of a 1001 strong reception committee at a widely attended meeting held in this district headquarters town on 7th August. BKMU General Secretary P.K. Kodiyan addressed the gathering.

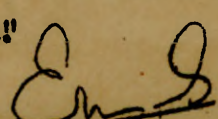
The reception committee consists of prominent citizens of Palghat, state and district BKMU, TU, Kisan, Youth and other mass front leaders. Kolady Govindan Kutty a leading lawyer is the Chairman of the reception committee; state Khet Mazdoor Union Leader K.E. Ismail is the Secretary.

The sub-committees incharge of finance, accommodation, food, publicity, cultural programmes, volunteers etc. are already on the move to fulfill their responsibilities.

More than 1000 delegates coming from different states are expected to participate in the four day conference. A number of fraternal delegation from foreign countries are also expected to attend the conference.

The town Hall where the delegates session is to be held will be named as "Malkiat Chand Nagar" in honour of the memory of Panjab Khet Mazdoor Sabha leader comrade Malkiat Chand Mehali who fell a victim to the Khalistani terrorists' bullets a few months ago.

All Communications from the BKMU State Units and delegates should be addressed to "Secretary, BKMU 7th Conference Reception Committee, 7/605 Tharakkad, Palghat-678001, Kerala!"  
Telephone: 23697.

  
K. E. Ismail Ex-MLA  
Secretary, Reception Committee.



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(About preparations for the proposed  
BKMU Nat. Conf to be held at  
Palghat - Membership campaign  
of 2 lakhs - Demand for

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Arrears in  
pension, Welfare fund scheme for  
House sites, Surplus land distribution  
- LDF Govt increased pension old age  
for 65/- to 60/- as result of  
struggles - Health not good  
for (long journeys).

Dear comrade,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 12/7/88

After a prolonged discussion it is decided to hold the  
National Conference at Palghat. There were proposals  
to hold it in Kottayam or Alleppey. Palghat have got  
enough resources, but not enough cadres to mobilise.  
Anyway we will manage some or other.

We have already booked Town Hall and its two  
annexures for delegates session and food arrangements. (You  
had been in Town Hall at the last State Conference.)

In the meanwhile KSKTF have decided to bring out  
a Souvenir on the eve of the National Conference. A Publicity  
Committee formed and I am the general convenor of the Committee.

We were thinking to form the reception committee in  
July first week. But the Party state committee ordered not  
to take any mass organisation work in July, except to  
campaign for Janayugam Daily (Party organ) Therefore it  
will be formed only on August 5th at Palghat. Hotels and  
rooms will be booked earlier.

There was a stalemate in organisational work.  
Slowly the units started to activate. Membership campaign  
to reach the target two lakhs, is going on. The Campaign



is picking up. In the last month in 20<sup>th</sup> June there was a  
Dharma in <sup>front of</sup> all Taluk and blocks offices, demanding, to pay  
off arrears of old age pension, for a welfare fund scheme,  
for house sites and expediate <sup>to complete</sup> the surplus land distribution  
etc. The labour Minister at the floor of Kerala assembly accepted  
the demands and promised to implement more as far as possible.  
You may not aware that the present LDF Govt increased  
the old age pension from Rs 45/- to Rs 60/- I am told by  
KSKTF Gen. Secretary Com: Ismail, that he will send a detailed  
report of the activities of Kerala.

In June number of Taluk conferences being held. And  
it is going on. Before August 15<sup>th</sup> all district conferences will  
be held. On Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> <sup>no. 13<sup>rd</sup></sup>, the State Conference will be held  
at Pandalam of Pattanamthitta District. You may also try  
to participate in it.

You need not bother about the arrangements for  
the conference. Some or other we will do it. My health  
is far better now, because I am not taking any long travels  
now days. Therefore please do not insist my presence  
in Delhi at the end of this month. If I take ten days to go  
over here and come back and then I have to take another ten  
days for re equipment. If you want any <sup>urgent</sup> information, you  
may please call me at any time in the night by phone.  
(24056 - Palput - here is STD facilities)

I am giving you the details of the <sup>oper</sup> place where we are



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having the conference.

— All trains travelling to Kerala from abroad (ie from Guwahati, Howrah, Jaipur, New Delhi, Madras, Bangalore, Ahmedabad; Bombay etc to Kanniyakumari, Trivandrum, Cochin & Mangalore etc) are passing through Palghat Junction. This is the first junction at the entrance of Kerala. Most of the trains reach at Palghat by early morning except the trains from Bombay and Madras of which some of them at midnight). We will arrange reception committee at Palghat Junction working day and night on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> of October.

— The nearest air base is Coimbatore (64 kms from Palghat.) and the other bases are Cochin and Calicut which are 130 kms away.

— All letters addressed to the reception committee may send to the AITUC office, HPO Road, Palghat ~~678001~~ 678001 for the time being. If anybody wants to give phone message they can send it in my phone number or 23697 - Palghat (D of CA)

You may please furnish the following to help us for the arrangements:

- 1) The time of inauguration of the conference; 4<sup>th</sup> morning or evening? Who will inaugurate? You may prepare the agenda of the CEE meeting
- 2) ~~Is there~~ When the CEE members will reach here? Is there meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> of October? We have to arrange accommodation facilities specially.



- ③ How many delegates at least will come for the Conference, (excluding Kerala.) Please inform the status when and which train they are coming ~~before~~ to be communicated to us. (Mention the number of women delegates)
- ④ Will there be any foreign delegates? How many? (We have to arrange accommodation for them in guest house and tourist home at Malampuzha Dam Side which is 8 kms from the town.)
- ⑤ Please inform ~~you~~ us the Nethind leaders excluding CEC members who will address the mass rally.
- ⑥ All MLAs & MPs have to send letters to District collector, Palghat to provide rooms for them in the rest house. It is good for us also.
- ⑦ Anyone who wants special accommodation they must inform us early with advance amount.
- ⑧ Palghat is the border district of Tamil Nadu. They can help us to make the mass rally on 7<sup>th</sup> a big success. Please discuss with them and inform us. (In Kerala Palghat is situated north east far from southern Districts.)

At present we don't think we can provide food without cost, ~~at~~ <sup>Delegates</sup> ~~at~~ any cost. ~~At present~~ ~~they~~ have to pay a part of it; Anyhow regarding this point and any other details you need I or the elected Secretary to the reception committee will communicate to you.

Now I think you can excuse me for my absence to the CEC meeting.

yours fraternally  
Basu