

Punjab Congress Nominees

MOOL CHAND JAIN FOR LOK SABHA

NEW DELHI, January 28.

THE Congress Central Election Committee to-day announced names of 13 party candidates, three of whom will contest for the Lok Sabha and the rest for the State Assembly from the Punjab.

New Candidates

LOK SABHA

Kangra (res.): Prof. Yashwant Rai.

Ambala (res.): Mr. Chuni Lal.

Kaithal: Mr. Mool Chand Jain.

VIDHAN SABHA

Kulu: Mr. Raghuvir Singh.

Hamirpur (res.): Mr. Meher Singh.

Jind (res.): Mr. Faqiria.

Hasanpur: Mr. Sumer Singh.

Palwal (res.): Mr. Bhole Ram.

Pataudi: Mr. Mohan Lal.

Hissar Sadar: Mrs. Shehalata.

Sirsa (gen.): Mr. Santlal.

Malhout (res.): Subedar Teja Singh.

Baghapurana: S. Gurmit Singh.

GWALIOR, Jan. 28.

Dr. Kailash Nath Katju, Chief Minister-designate of Madhya Pradesh, and Mr. Mishrilal Gangwal, the State's Finance Minister, are among the ten candidates who have filed their nomination papers so far from the former Madhya Bharat territory for election to the M.P. Assembly.—P.T.I.

Mr. Shriman Narayan, has welcomed the statement as a significant step.

In an interview, Mr. Narayan said: "I am very happy that the Punjab question has been amicably settled. Although it has taken some time to settle this issue, all is well that ends well. I do hope that all Congressmen in the Punjab, including the erstwhile Akalis, will now join in strengthening the organisation, and establishing a stable Congress government in the border state of Punjab."—U.P.I.

The three candidates who will contest for the Lok Sabha are Mr. Mool Chand Jain, Finance Minister, Prof. Yashwant Rai, Deputy Minister, and Mr. Chuni Lal, M.L.A.

The Assembly names include two former Akalis, Sardar Gurmit Singh and Subedar Teja Singh (reserved), and Mrs. Snehalata.

Three more names are to be announced for the State Assembly, of which one is to be an Akali.

The Punjab State has to elect 22 members to the Lok Sabha and 154 to the State Assembly.

The Akalis have now obtained three more seats, bringing their total to 26 in the revised list with re-adjustment of one constituency.

These names were finalised at a meeting called by Maulana Azad. Present at the meeting were Sardar Pratap Singh Kairon, Giani Gurmukh Singh Musafir, Ch. Ranbir Singh, Giani Kartar Singh, Sardar Hukam Singh, Mr. Shriman Narayan and Mr. Ajit Prasad Jain.

The only re-adjustment that has been made is with regard to the Sirsa constituency, previously allotted to Akalis. They have surrendered this constituency in place of Baghapurana constituency in Ferozepore district. Sardar Gurmit Singh, former Secretary of the S.G.P.C., has been nominated by the Akali Dal to contest this seat.

At to-day's meeting, the Akali representatives insisted that the P.C.C. should allot them at least one ticket from Patiala as a symbolic gesture. This demand, however, was not conceded as the nominations from Patiala district have already been made.