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SOURCE:

1. The following is a summary of Party Letter No. 4 dated 11 April 1953, and published by the Communist Party of India (CPI).¹ This Party Letter was printed by Jayant Bhatt at the New Age Printing Press, 190-B, Khetwadi Main Road, Bombay 4.^{2,3}
2. The first section deals with Party fund collections in Krishna District (Andhra). The collection quota is Rs. 160,000.
3. The next section is an extract from the resolution of the Extended Plenum of the Uttar Pradesh Provincial Committee on Party Organization.⁴ It includes a list of administrative duties for the various provincial, district, and local committees. This section also discusses the "scrutinization of Party members," Party education, sale of Party literature, Party dues, levy, and collections. The following table shows a graduated levy according to monthly income:

Monthly Income	Single	With Family
Up to Rs. 50/-	1 %	Exempted
Rs. 51/- to Rs. 75/-	2 %	1 %
Rs. 76/- to Rs. 100/-	4 %	1 %
Rs. 101/- to Rs. 125/-	6 %	2 %
Rs. 126/- to Rs. 150/-	7½ %	2 %
Rs. 151/- to Rs. 200/-	10 %	3 %
Rs. 201/- to Rd. 250/-	12½ %	4 %
Above Rs. 250/-	15 %	5 %

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4. The third section concerns the Delhi Provincial Committee Review of the Tibbia College Constituency by-elections for the Delhi State Assembly. The letter states that the results of this by-election must serve as a serious warning to the entire Party of the danger of communal parties in a place like Delhi. Furthermore there has been a neglect of serious and regular work among the refugees. The section concludes by listing tasks for the Delhi Provincial Committee; the most significant are as follows:
- a. Serious attention must be paid to the work among the refugees.
 - b. A separate Party unit for the Delhi Cloth Mills' Area with a Party Office should be established.⁵
5. The next section is entitled "On Sale of Literature." This section discusses the problems of opening and running Party bookshops. It specifically states four necessary conditions that must be fulfilled before a bookshop will be of any value. In this section also is a directive to increase the sale and distribution of: For a Lasting Peace, For a People's Democracy, New Times, Soviet Union, People's China, China Reconstructs, and Soviet Land (published by WASS) and its language editions.
6. The final section deals with the New Age sales record. The New Age has a very poor sales record, and the Party Letter instructs all Party units to take immediate steps to increase sales. The Letter includes the following chart of New Age sales for February 1953:

Andhra	127	Gujarat	33
Tamilnad	105	Maharashtra	35
Karnatak	18	PPH Bookstall (for	
Kerala	22	Bombay zone)	300
Bengal	816	Foreign	107
Assam	20	Subscribers, compli-	
Bihar	120	mentary (including	
Orissa	35	those from India To-	
Uttar Pradesh	155	day)	414
Delhi	226	Copies to CCMS &	
Punjab	122	Delhi office	50
Rajasthan	5	Exchange copies	5
Madhya Bharat	5	Airmail copies	11
Madhya Pradesh	5		

Total: 2,736

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1. [] Comment. A complete copy of this letter is available on request.
 2. [] Comment. This is the address of the Bombay branch of the Peoples Publishing, Ltd. The New Age is a GPL monthly publication issued by the Peoples Publishing House in Bombay.
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3. [REDACTED] Comment. The printing of Party Letters has been shifted from New Delhi to Bombay for security reasons. In New Delhi some copies were getting to Government officials. The New Age Printing Press was considered more secure.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. This section is apparently based on the CPI Draft Resolution on Party Organization, [REDACTED]

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5. [REDACTED] Comment. This Letter earlier stated that the CPI polled the largest single number of votes among the workers of the Delhi Cloth Mills.

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