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Summary:

Indian-North Korean relations are the subject of this telegram, with attention paid to the Indian Communist Party's views on the North Korean Worker's Party. The cult of personality, autarkic economic policy and Juche ideology provide many points of misgiving from the point of view of the Indians.

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Comrade Lahiri, the deputy head of the International Liaisons Department of the CPI [Communist Party of India], told us that he had been a member of the party delegation that recently, the first time after a period of twenty years, visited the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The CPI attributes great importance to the normalization of its inter-party relations with the KWP, because the KWP exerts influence on the Asian and African parties, countries, and movements.

The personality cult, the efforts to achieve economic autarky, the vague theory of *juche*, the unprincipled conceptions about the unification of Korea, and the Korean standpoint on several international issues, such as the Cambodian question, made a negative impression on the Indian party delegation. In a cautious way, they let their hosts know [what they thought about] all that.

Nevertheless, the CPI will make efforts to achieve a gradual development of inter-party relations.

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