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The newest Exide plant at Hosur in Tamilnadu, went on stream to manufacture a state-of-the-art range of maintenance-free industrial batteries – Exide Powersafe.

The production unit was built in technical collaboration with Shin-Kobe Electric Machinery Co. Ltd. of Japan, makers of world famous Hitachi batteries. Assuring the customer of international benchmarking in production quality.

Amidst great fanfare the 'Powersafe' brand was launched throughout the country.

### **EXIDE INDUSTRIES LIMITED**

## ATTENDANCE SLIP

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Name of the attending Member (In Block Letters)	Member's Accour Number

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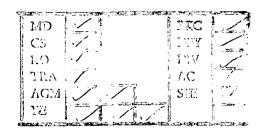
I hereby record my presence at the FIFTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at the G.D. BIRLA SABHAGAR, 29, Ashutosh Choudhury Avenue, Calcutta 700 019 on Friday, 30th May 1997 at 10.30 A.M.

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Member's Proxy's Signature

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Registered Office
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CALCUTTA 700 020

#### PROXY FORM

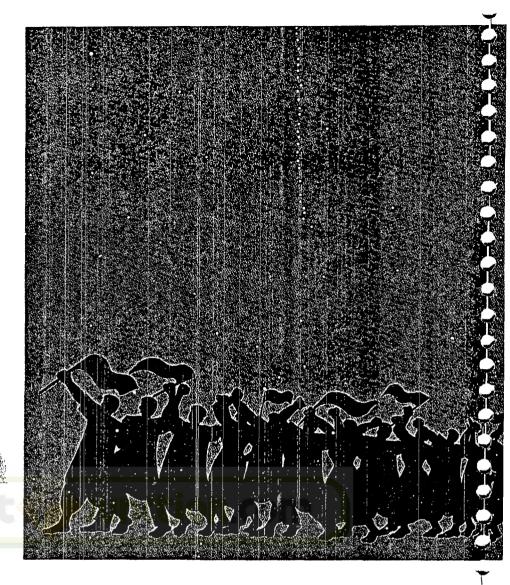
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Being a member of the a	above named	Company, hereby appoint
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as $\frac{my}{our}$ proxy to vote for $\frac{me}{us}$	on $\frac{my}{our}$ behalf	at the FIFTIETH ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING of t	the Company t	to be held at 10.30 A.M. on
FRIDAY, 30th May 1997, an	d at any adjour	nment thereof
	Revenue	
Signed		
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NOTE: Proxies must reach the Company's Registered Office not less than 48 hours before the meeting.

# EXIDE INDUSTRIES LIMITED .

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S. B. Ganguly Chairman	Barun Das			
& Managing Director	BANKERS			
R. B. Raheja	State Bank of India			
Vice Chairman S. K. Basu	ANZ Grindlays Bank			
( Nominee - UTI )	Punjab National Bank			
S. Chand	Bank of Tokyo - Mitsubishi			
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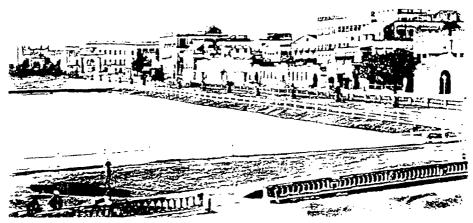




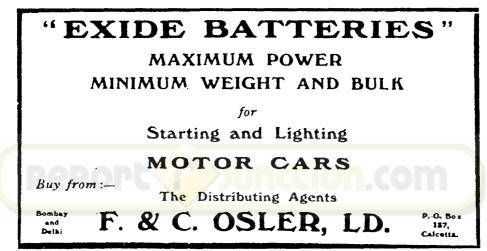
he year 1947. The date 15th August... a date which saw the sun set on the British rule and the dawn of an independent India. A country shaken by the bitter battle for freedom, yet strong in its resolve to regain economic stability and establish itself as a major global force.







View of the Esplanade at Calcutta in the days of the Raj



Exide advertisement appearing in The Statesman, October 1920

## ...shapes a pioneer

This was the time when the agency houses that had put down their roots in India established themselves as Indian Companies. Among them was Associated Battery Makers Eastern Limited or ABMEL, which started its career in 1916 as a trading unit assembling and marketing batteries for Chloride Batteries Limited, UK.

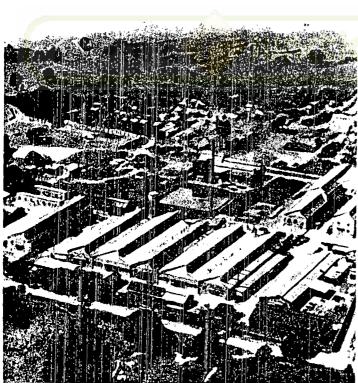




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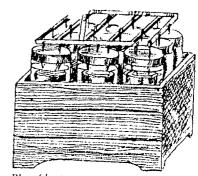
ABMEL's perceptive understanding of the needs of a nation undergoing change activated it to don the role of manufacturer. In 1946, after incorporation under the Indian Companies Act, their pioneering production unit was set up in Shamnagar in West Bengal. The purpose – to supply a ready source of captive power for a developing infrastructure.

The factory went on stream with imported machinery and four employees to its credit-to manufacture Planté lead acid batteries. Mr. Bower, an experienced hand, supervised operations. 31st May 1950 heralded the first meeting of the Works Committee and the next day, 1st June, a production linked Bonus Scheme was introduced.





Gaston Planté, inventor of the lead acid battery



Planté battery

