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My dear Srikumar:

I have with apologies to acknowledge your letters of September 28, October 21, October 24, October 31 and November 2. The fault is mine and not that of the postal department - for a change!

Let me deal with the various issues you have raised in the above letters.

1. List of those on the National Executive and the General Council who are still Swatantra. I have to the extent possible listed those who in my view are still with Rajaji and the Party. The list is attached.
2. I also attach a list of persons who have been writing to Mr. Masani and/or me expressing interest in continuing to work for the Party.
3. Copy of Mr. Girish Munshi's statement reaffirming that the Maharashtra Swatantra Party would carry on is also attached.
4. I no longer have a residential connection. The reward for over a decade of sincere work for the Party! Therefore I am only available over the telephone during office hours (Tel. 254005 and 254171) on all days except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

The Maharashtra Swatantra Party's Executive Committee has been revitalised. The constitutional provision dealing with attendance at meetings of the Executive Committee has been taken advantage of to drop those who have either opted for the BLD or have been showing no interest. New people have been added. Membership enrolment however is poor and hardly any activities worth mentioning. They are also having problems of funds for carrying on the office, let alone for activities.

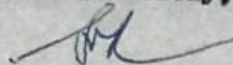
Mr. Piloo Mody, Mr. Amersey (though he is officially supposed to be out of the BLD) and Mr. Madhu Mehta (who also is not formally in the BLD but is however at the beck and call of the two persons mentioned above) have been able with some degree of success to persuade business friends to divert their contribution to the BLD. The Bombay BLD is however not making progress. They are, I suspect waiting like vultures, to grab the active workers of the Maharashtra Swatantra Party not to mention the office premises in the hope that the State Party will die a 'natural death'.

On Mr. Sundaram's next visit to Bombay, he should address a workers meeting of the Maharashtra Swatantra Party. I am keeping in touch with him about his Bombay visit and will do the needful.

They are keen to know when and where the National Convention is planned.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



List of Members of the Swatantra Party National Executive and General Council who are likely to be with the Party.

GENERAL COUNCIL

Andhra: - not aware of anyone

Delhi: - Dr.H.R.Pasricha, 20/B, Gangaram Hospital Road, Delhi 60. (He might be able to let you know of the others including Arya. According to a recent letter I received from him, Arya too appears to have joined the BLD)

Gujarat: - Kusumkumari Joshi, Mahadev Wadi, Gondal, Dist. Rajkot, Gujarat
✓ Mr.Jashbhai C.Patel, Amrit Park, Saurashtra Society, Ahmedabad 7
✓ Mr.Hargovind D.Thakkar, Advocate, P.O. Harij, Dist. Mehsana, Gujarat

Haryana: Mr.Sukchain Singh, Harinagar, Kurukshetra, Haryana

Kerala: Mr. C.N.Sudhan, Jacob Cherian & Co. Akkara Motors Bldg. K.K. Road, Kottayam 11. Kerala.

Mr. Jacob Cherian, same address as above.

Mr.Babu Joseph, Kurumpanackal House, Pazhavangadi P.O. Ranni, Kerala.

Maharashtra: Mr.Girish Munshi, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, 4th floor, K.M.Munshi Marg, Bombay 7.

Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal, Laxmi Building, 177/70 Kalbadevi Road, Bombay 2.

Mr.K.H.Subramanian, 9, Janaki Nivas, Sion West, Bombay 22

✕ Mr.Indukumar Thakkar, Suswagatham, Central Avenue, Chembur Bombay 71.

Mr. Sumatilal P.Shah, 423, Budwarpeth, Poona 2, Maharashtra

Karnataka Mr.A.S.Nagabhushana Rami Rao, c/o Bhushan & Co. Basavangudi, Bangalore 4.

Orissa: Mr.Harihar Patel, Advocate, 312, Kharavelanagar, Unit 3 P.O. Bhubaneswar. (He should be in a position to let us know who are the others from the General Council in Orissa who are with us)

Rajasthan: Not aware of anyone

Uttar Pradesh: Not aware of anyone

West Bengal: Not aware of anyone.

Former President: Mr.M.R.Masani, 148, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bombay 23.

Permanent Invitees: Mr.J.M.Lobo Prabhu, Chateau De Lou, Mangalore 575001

Total Membership of G.C. 154

Quorum under clause 10 of the Constitution required for the G.C.: 22

National Executive

K.Sundaram: Hon. Treasurer.

M.R.Arya : (?) - Joint Secretary

Mr.J.M.Lobop Prabhu

~~Mr. Indubhusan Chakravarty~~

Mr.Harihar Patel

Mr.Ajmal Khan (✓)

~~Dr. M. M. Chinn - Vice President (?)~~

Quorum under clause 10 of the Constitution required for the N.E. 5

I suggest that a meeting of the General Council be convened by Mr.Sundaram as an office bearer or by Dr.Mathias as Vice President.

This meeting will have for its Agenda the following item among other things:

1. ~~Report~~ Disciplinary Action against those who have joined another party in contravention of clause 4(a) of the Party's Constitution
2. Filling in of vacancies created by the above.
3. Declaration of the National Convention held at Delhi as ultra vires of the Party's Constitution (for violating clause 16(b) of the Constitution)
4. Fixing the date ~~and~~ and venue of the next National Convention.

List of members of the Swatantra Party who have written to Mr. Masani or Raju after the so-called National Convention.

1. Mr. R.K. Kulkarni, Advocate, House No. 1477, Deshpandegalli, Belgaum.
2. Dr. Gangadhar Trivedi, President Jaunpur District Swatantra Party, Mungra Badshahpur, Jaunpur, U.P.
3. Mr. Sahajanand Singh, P.O. Bahpura, Dist. Patna, Bihar.
4. Mr. A.S. Nagabhushana Rao,)
5. Mr. T. Ananta Rao) Joint Secretaries, Swatantra Party, Mysore
6. Mr. P.S. Sridharamurthy) No. 25, Gandhi Bazar, Basavangudi, Bangalore 4.
Hon. Treasurer, Swatantra Party, Mysore
7. Mr. Radheysham Bharati, Prakash Bhuvan, Khir in Eagh, Shahjahanpur, U.P.
8. Mr. M.D. Joseph, Swatantra Party Dist. Office, Mullakkal Junction, Alleppey, Kerala.
9. Mr. Bhagwan Dass Sharma, Lecturer, Jain Intermediate College, Mathura, U.P. (President of the Mathura Dist. Swatantra Party)
10. Mr. J.G. Tiwari, Society for Research in Indian Communist Affairs, 2/40, Janakpuri Marris Road, Aligarh, U.P.
11. Mr. Man Singh Mahar, Mahar House, Zorawar Singh Gate, Jaipur 302002
12. Mr. V.G.K. Unnithan, P.O. Korba Collieries, District Bilaspur, Madhya Pradesh
13. Mr. James Cherian, Kochu Veedu, Chethavad, Alleppey, Kerala.
14. Dr. R. Kalamegham, 7, Viswanathapuram, Trichinopoly 620017
15. Mr. I.S. Bhargava, (I shall send you his address and that of a few others in a couple of days.)

The position of the following is not quite clear. I shall send you their address and you might find out. In your letter you might mention that Mr. Masani is still a member of the Party and of its General Council.

Meghalaya - Prof. Alexander Warjiri

~~Andhra~~ Andhra - Mr. Hanumantha Rao, Kannavarithota, Guntur Dist. Andhra Pradesh

Bihar - Mr. Budhan Rai Verma

Gujarat - Pramod Kalyani

Himachal Pradesh - Mr. Budhi Prakash

Madhya Pradesh - Mr. N.C. Zamindar