

DRAFT minutes of the State Council Meeting of
the Swatantra Party, Maharashtra held at Bombay
on Saturday, the 6th July 1974.

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A meeting of the State Council of the Swatantra Party, Maharashtra was held at the Party Office, Sassoon Building, 143 Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bombay on Saturday, the 6th July 1974 at 4-00 p.m. when the following members were present.

1. Mr. Madhu Mehta (Chairman)
2. Mr. M.R. Masani
3. Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal
4. Mr. Girish Munshi
5. Mr. F. C. Cama
6. Mr. K.B. Pandey
7. Mr. Y.B. Bhosle
8. Mr. Dhiraj Shah
9. Mr. Shantilal Popat
10. Mr. B.R. More
11. Mrs. Sarla Datar
12. Mr. M.R. Joshi
13. Mr. Y. A. Yazdani
14. Mr. N.K. Jagtap
15. Mr. Jairuddin Shaikh
16. Mr. L.R. Sampat
17. Mr. A.L. Saldanha {
18. Mr. A.E. Tarapore { Invitees.
19. Mr. R. Ramakrishnan {
20. Capt. Shamji {

Mr. Piloo Mody, MP, President of the All-India Swatantra Party was a special invitee to the meeting.

Due to dislocation of train services on account of heavy rains, more members could not be present.

1. Minutes of the previous State Council Meeting held on 27th April 1974 were confirmed.

2. With regard to the forthcoming National Convention of the Party convened at Delhi on August 4 and 5, 1974, Mr. Madhu Mehta explained to the members the proposal of dissolution of the Swatantra Party with a view to forming a new Party, as a National Alternative to save democracy. He invited the members to offer their opinion so that we can form a common plan about the

proposed dissolution.

The following members except Mr. N.K.Jagtap opposed the dissolution of the Swatantra Party for the purpose of forming a new Party.

1. Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal
2. Mr. M.R. Masani
3. Mr. Girish Munshi
4. Mr. F.C.Cama
5. Mr. K.H.Subramaniam
6. Mrs. Sarla Datar
7. Mr. Shantilal Popat
8. Mr. Jaiiruddin Shaikh
9. Mr. Y. A. Yazdani
10. Mr. K.B. Pandey
11. Mr. B.R. More
12. Mr. M.R. Joshi
13. Mr. Dhiraj Shah
14. Mr. L. R. Sampat
15. Mr. Y. B. Bhosle
16. Mr. A.E. Tarapore
17. Mr. A.L. Saldana
18. Mr. R. Ramakrishnan.

Mr. Piloo Mody explained the steps he had taken, based on his being authorised by the National Executive to explore the possibilities of bringing several parties together to form a new Party. He felt that in the larger interest of the country, it was necessary to have a new Party to serve as a National Alternative to the Ruling Congress.

Mr. M.R. Masani expressed unhappiness at the proposal of dissolving the Swatantra Party. He did not think the dissolution of our Party would serve the need of a National Alternative and opposed the move of dissolution.

Mr. Madhu Mehta appealed to the members not to pass the Resolution as proposed by Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal. However, majority of members insisted the resolution to be put to vote. The following Resolution was then passed with an overwhelming majority with one dissenting vote from Mr. N.K. Jagtap.

(Before moving the Resolution to vote, both Mr. Piloo Mody and Mr. Madhu Mehta left the meeting.)

The meeting elected the following delegates from Maharashtra State Unit to attend the National Convention.

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| 1. Mr. Madhu Mehta | 9. Mr. Dhiraj Shah |
| 2. Mr. M.R. Masani | 10. Mr. Shantilal Popat |
| 3. Mr. Girish Munshi | 11. Mr. Sumatilal P. Shah |
| 4. Mr. F.C.Cama | 12. Mr. A.R. Deshpande |
| 5. Mr. K.H. Subramaniam | 13. Mr. K.B. Pandey |
| 6. Mr. Dhiraj Shah | 14. Mr. N.K. Jagtap |
| 7. Mrs. Manorama Dandekar | 15. Mr. A.E. Tarapore |
| 8. Mrs. Sarla Datar | 16. Mr. Y.B. Bhosle |
| | 17. Mr. Jaiiruddin Shaikh. |

Finalisation of the names of 21 delegates from Maharashtra State Unit was entrusted to a sub-committee consisting of Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal, Mr. Girish Munshi and Mr. K.H. Subramaniam.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair at 7.00 p.m.

Chairman

(Resolution overleaf)