

Copy of letter dated 28.8.59 from Shri
Hukam Singh.

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This is to thank you for your letter of the 25th inst. I have not yet received the membership forms and ~~Statement of Principles~~ Statement of Principles of the Party from your end. You may please expedite in the matter so that the enrolment of the members may not be delayed. I shall get the Principles of the Party translated and printed in Hindi for our purpose.

We have called a meeting on the 30th inst. at Jaipur for settling the preliminaries of the organisation of the party and have invited all those who have written to you in this connection from Bikaner, Jodhpur, Kota, Ganganagar and other parts of Rajasthan. We shall certainly take into account numerous interests and will make the party a broad-based one. I shall supply membership forms and the other literature to them, when received from the Head office. It has been decided to open the branches of the Party in almost every district of the State. I had already gone to Delhi on the 10th inst. to see Mr. Munshi and get his instructions for organising the Party in Rajasthan. He is expected to come to Ajmer in the first week of September and we shall certainly discuss all matters connected with the formation of the Rajasthan Committee with him.

You would please realise that in the initial stages it is rather difficult to collect funds from the public. We require at least 5000 for initial expenses so that the message of the Swatantra Party may reach the ears of the masses and members may be enrolled. After having our convention in Rajasthan we expect that there will not be any difficulty in collecting the funds for the party. I, therefore, request you to remit the above amount from the Head office at your earliest convenience. On our part we shall leave no stone unturned for the Party to become financially self-sufficient.

In the end I am sorry that I could not attend the meeting of the Regional committee on 22nd at Bombay as I was busy in persuading the members of the Assembly here to join us.

2. You will be pleased to know that the Progressive Party in the Rajasthan Assembly has dissolved itself and its leader along with four others has joined our Party. I am also negotiating with All India Ram Rajya Parishad for merging itself in our party and I hope to succeed in this. In case eighteen members of our Assembly join our Party, ours will be the first official opposition in Rajasthan. On our part we are trying our level best to make the Swatantra Party as popular as we can so that in the next election we may be in a majority and form the Govt. when we hold our convention in Rajasthan. Sometime in the month of October, 1959, we expect yourself, Rajaji, Rangaji, Munshiji and Menonji to attend it.

Please send all instructions you deem proper for the organisation of the party in Rajasthan. Your help and cooperation will always be welcome.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

S.Y. Krishnaswamy