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Proceedings of the Organising Committee of
the Swatantra Party held on the 22nd and 23rd
August 1959 at Bombay.

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Presents:-

Shri N.G. Ranga	Chairman
Shri H.P. Mody	Member
Shri M.R. Masani	"
Shri K.M. Munshi	"
Shri Mirza Ahmed Ali	"
Shri S.Y. Krishnaswamy	Convener

The first item of the Agenda was taken up for discussion. The Committee decided to issue letters of authorisation to the following regional committees:-

1. Delhi

Sardar Lal Singh	Convener
Lt. Col. Fazreicha	Member
Shri P.L. Gupta	"
Shri Muraleedhar	"
Shri Kulwant Rai	"
Mirza Ahmed Ali	"

2. Madras

Shri K.S. Venkitakrishna Reddiar	-- President
Shri T.G. Krishnamoorthy	-- Vice President
Shri S.S. Mari Swamy	-- Secretary
Shri S. Narayanaswamy	-- Treasurer

3. Bombay

Shri M.R. Masani	- Chairman
Shri Morarji Vydia	- Vice Chairman
Mrs. D. Ling <i>lyn</i>	
Shri R.V. Murthy	- Secretaries
Shri G.P. Rutheeshingh	
Dr. R.C. Cooper	- Treasurer

4. Andhra

Shri G.V. Subbayya	- Principal Convener
Shri R.V. Subbarao	- Convener for Hyderabad

(Note: It was decided that Hyderabad should be made into a sub-area and Membership forms issued direct to it.)

5. West Bengal

Shri Kalidas Nag	- Chairman
Shri Badal Gangopadhyay	- Secretary

6. Mysore

Shri B.L. Patil	- Chairman
Shri V.T. Srinivasan	- Secretary & Treasurer

7. Uttar Pradesh

Shri S.K.D. Pallival
Chaudhary ^{Lal Singh}

- Chairman
- Secretary

8. Punjab

It was decided to recognise the Committee proposed to be formed by Shri Basant Singh. His letter will be awaited and recognition accorded to the names submitted by him. It was also decided that Hariana should be formed into a sub region and that Shri Ram Sharma and Shri Sadi Ram should be made members of the committee with special directives to work in this sub-region.

9. Madhya Pradesh

A number of persons have written from Madhya Pradesh. One Mr. Bhagchand Sanklecha has already formed a branch in Indore. Another branch has been formed in Ujjain by Shanti Swaroop Sharma. Shri Gyansam Singh Gupta has in the meanwhile written to us to how he would like the Party to be organised. The Ujjain people have also gone ahead and arranged a Convention in November. One Mr. Ektarel has formed another unit in Indore. It is not clear if these various persons are acting jointly or separately. The chances are that they are not acting jointly. Prof. Ranga was anxious that we should not damp the enthusiasm of local workers and that recognition should be given to the units already formed on a local basis and forms sent to them for enrolling members pending the formation of an authoritative regional committee. It was however pointed out that Mr. Zamindar has written from Indore seriously doubting the bona fides of some of these organisers. Mr. Zamindar's own position in Indore is not clear. In these circumstances it was decided to act as follows:-

- 1) Shri Munshi will shortly visit Indore, contact the concerned persons, and report to the Central committee as to the right line of action to be taken. The necessary papers should be sent to him.

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- ii) Shri Sanklecha should be told not to hold a Convention till he hears officially from the Central ~~seems~~ organising committee.
- iii) Meanwhile no forms will be sent.

10. Rajasthan

Shri Hukamshingh has been writing letters asking for membership forms. One Mr. Bandari has written from Jodhpur.

There seems to be a feeling that a committee consisting of Hukamshingh and the Raja of Bhinai will represent only the higher landed interests of the area and that a broadening of the committee with Jodhpur, Jaipur and Bikanir interests, and also the non-Princely interests, is necessary. Mr. Hukam Singh, may, however, be treated as the Convenor for the present and membership forms may be sent to him.

Rajasthan is one of the areas which should be visited by one or more of the leaders before the regional body is finalised.

11. Kerala.

Individual members may be enrolled by Shri V.P. Menon to whom the forms may be sent.

12. Orissa

Mr. Kanoongo is forming a committee. One C.R. Das and one Mr. P.K. Rat have also been writing. Shri Sundara Rao has gone there on behalf of Shri Ranga and is holding conversations with the local people. Shri Ranga has promised to visit this area before the committee is formed finally. Meanwhile membership forms may be sent to Shri Kanoongo so that this work need not be delayed.

13. Assam.

Forms may be sent to Mr. Barua for enrolling membership.

14. Gujarat

There are many conflicting interests in this area. Mr. Munshi wanted to add Shri Kushalbai Patel of Surat as a Member. His name will be included. Shri Hathee will be the Secretary. Mr. Munshi suggests that Baroda should be the Headquarters of the Gujarat unit. Shri B.N. Anantani has to be included for Cutch. Shri Bhailalbai Patel may continue as the convenor.

For purposes of work it may be suggested to the Gujarat Regional Office that Gujarat may be divided into sub-regions like South Gujarat, Ahmedabad, Sourashtra and Cutch. This, however, is a matter which may be left entirely to the local committee.

15. Bihar.

Here also the unit will have to be divided for working purposes into North Bihar and South Bihar. One or two persons have promised to organise the Party in various parts of Bihar. Mr. Masani will contact the Raja of Dhurbhanga in respect of North Bihar. He will also write to Mr. M.S.M. Sharma about the subject. In respect of South Bihar we may await the Rajah of Ramgarh's reply. In order not to hold up the membership campaign, forms may be sent to those who have written to us promising to organise the party in their respective districts. The Bihar papers may be sent to Mr. Masani for further action and advice.

16. Vidarbha.

Offers to start the Party have been received from the Vidarbha region of Bombay. It may be treated as a sub-unit and in order to avoid delay, membership forms sent direct.

It was agreed as a general principle that any local committee which any member of the Central organising Committee approves, may be given membership forms pending the

formation of a regional authority so as not to hamper the membership drive.

It was also decided that in respect of peasants' organisations the Swatantra Party forms may be given to such organisations for individual enrolment.

The draft letter approved by the Convenor may be issued to the various regional authorities and others approved.

Subject II.

The second item of the Agenda taken up for discussion was in respect of membership forms. The existing arrangements were approved, that is, the English forms will be printed in Madras, the regional forms in the various regions, with the proviso that the Hindi forms will be printed at Bombay and also at Lucknow. The Lucknow printing will be only for the U.P. unit.

The arrangements for the printing of the Principles of the Party were approved.

The Convenor was asked to arrange a small committee to edit the speeches of the leaders for publication.

Subject III

The next item taken up for discussion was administrative arrangements. The proposals made by the Convenor were approved.

Subject IV.

The Budget of the various units was taken up for discussion next. It was decided that each local unit should ultimately become self-financing; but, meanwhile, the Central Party will give the following monthly grants:

Madras	Rs. 1000	Andhra	Rs. 2000	Mysore	Rs. 1000
Gujarat	Rs. 2000	Punjab	Rs. 1000	U.P.	Rs. 2000
Rajasthan	Rs. 1000	Orissa	Rs. 500		

Leaders Office Rs. 1000 Central Office Rs. 1000

Other units which have not been formed will also require

help. A budget of Rs.15,000 may, therefore, have to be provided. The Annual budget is thus Rs.1,80,000/-. Out of this Bombay will contribute Rs.1,00,000/- and the balance has to be found from the Central funds collected from other parts of India.

The existing financial arrangements for handling the money at Bangalore and at Bombay may be continued for the present.

Mr. Ranga raised the point of subsidising certain Journals on behalf of the Party. He mentioned the Synik in U.P. and Yahini in Andhra. In addition, Shri S.Y. Krishna Swamy mentioned the Swarajya and the Beraigi. It was decided that the Party will subscribe for a certain number of copies to be freely distributed to various units of the Party. The number will be decided by the Central organising committee in each case. In the meanwhile, help will be given to all these journals by securing advertisements. Mr. Masani should be written to to contact businessmen in Bombay to secure advertisements.

S-Y. Krishna Swamy