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A meeting of the Organising Committee was held on Wednesday the 12th August at 6 p.m. at the Swatantra Party Office, 143, Mahatma Gandhi Road.

Present: Mr. M.R. Masani (in the Chair),
" Murarji J. Vaidya,
Sir H.P. Mody,
Mr. A.D. Shroff,
" H.R. Pardivela,
" N.H. Mapara,
" M.K. Tata,
" B.K. Mistry,
Col. L. Sawhny,
Mr. V. Paranjoti,
" N. Palkhivela,
" J.M. Patel,
" P.M. Mody,
" R. Hutheesing,
" R.V. Murthy,
Dr. R.C. Cooper,
Mrs. C.F. Lynn.

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The Minutes of the two previous meetings were confirmed and signed.

Agreed that the Central Organising Committee be moved to give some kind of definition of financial policy, particularly in respect of allocation of funds.

Mr. P. Mody reported on progress with the Handbook of the Convention. It was resolved to print 10,000 copies in English and allow copies in regional languages to be printed in the respective regions. The Handbook might be priced at Re.1/- per copy. The Committee sanctioned Rs.10,000/- for the purpose.

The Chairman reported that, owing to a change in plans that had been made without reference to this Committee, it had not been possible to proceed with the expeditious printing of the membership forms and receipts in Bombay as originally planned. A great deal of concern at this delay was felt by members and the fear was expressed that any further delay in commencing enrolment would result in a great setback to the Party. In these special circumstances, it was suggested by Mr. K.M. Munshi that, notwithstanding the decision that the printing of forms should be centralised, the Organising Committee in Bombay should go ahead with using temporary membership forms and receipts and that these should be replaced by the pukka forms and receipts as soon as they become available. The forms should be got ready in time for distribution at the meeting of delegates and workers on the 13th evening.

It was decided that a flag salutation ceremony should be organised at the Bheratiya Vidya Bhuvan theatre at 10.00 a.m. on the 15th of August when Sir Homi Mody would hoist the flag and Mr. K.M. Munshi would address the meeting.

It was also decided that a symposium on "Why I welcome the Swatantra Party" should be held at Green's Hotel on September 2, 1959.

In order to facilitate rapid expansion of work and to decentralise activities in line with the spirit of the Party, it was decided to appoint Convenors for each major aspect of the Party's work. These Convenors would maintain liaison with one of the Hon. Secretaries or the Hon. Treasurer in order to ensure the

necessary co-ordination of activities. Each Convenor would have the authority to co-opt helpers who may be members of the Organising Committee or members of the Party to help in field work. The following allocation of functions was made:

<u>Field</u>	<u>Convenor</u>	<u>Liaison</u>
Publicity & Press	Mr. P. Mody	Mr. R.V. Murthy
Fund-Raising Activities	" V. Paranjoti	Dr. R.C. Cooper
Meetings	" N. Mapara	Mr. R. Hutheesing
Constituency Organisation & Enrolment of members	" B.K. Mistry	Mrs. C.F. Lynn.

It was agreed that financial commitments should be made by Convenors after consulting the Hon. Secretaries.

The Plan of Constituency Organisation drawn up by Mr. Mistry was approved.

It was suggested that a Citizens' Bureau to enquire into grievances might be set up in various wards.

Mr. Murarji Vaidya was unanimously elected to deputise for the Chairman during his absence from Bombay.

The need for a competent full-time Executive Secretary, with experience of organisation, administration and publicity was recognised and it was decided to consider making a suitable appointment.
