

Draft amendments proposed by Mr. M.R.Masani to the draft
Election Manifesto of the Swatantra Party

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1. Para 14, Substitute for the present draft the following:

"In a developing country, Government has an important role to play in the industrial sphere. This role should ~~be~~ primarily be that of a helper and regulator but not a participant. The business of government is government and not business. There is a great deal that Government can do in a developing country through the development of roads and other forms of communication, transport and cheap electric power. Today these functions of government are being neglected while the Government needlessly enters the field of trade and manufacture of products which are not of much significance to the life of the country. While the Swatantra Party has always believed in a mixed economy where the Government and free enterprise would cooperate side by side on equal and autonomous terms in the service of the community, it is of the view that there should be no further wasteful investment of the taxpayers' money in the governmental sector, which has failed to function effectively, until such time as it is able to give a reasonable return on the people's hard earned savings."

(c.f. Statement of Policy, Patna, March 1960,
page 20

1962 Manifesto page 9, para 30

1967 Manifesto page 12, para 27.)

2. Para 15, For the words "It is the Government again which can undertake" substitute the words "The Government can again encourage and participate in."

3. Para 16, In place of the present draft substitute,

"Government can also assume responsibility for helping the small farmer to secure the full benefits of the green revolution by providing him with facilities for the intensive cultivation of land in the form of water, fertiliser, seed, pesticides, tools, credit, improved techniques and electric power and by providing reasonable support prices calculated to give the farmer a fair margin of profit."

(c.f. 1962 Manifesto p. 6, ~~para~~ ^{para} 21
1967 Manifesto p. 9, para 18

4. Para 20, sub-clause (viii) : For this sub-clause substitute the following:

"The Party stands for the restriction of State enterprise to such heavy industry as are necessary to supplement private enterprise in that field, such national services as the railways and the starting of new enterprises which are difficult for private capital and initiative to establish."

(Statement of Policy, Patna, March 1960 p.21)