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Masani flays party's role in Orissa

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MR. M. R. MASANI, a former president of the Swatantra Party, today sharply criticised the role of the party unit in Orissa in bringing down the government of Mrs. Nandini Satpathy and said if the party wanted to safeguard its future it should steer clear of "discredited politicians" or "any combination of them."

Mr. Masani said it was painful to watch "the way in which the leadership of our party in Orissa not only joined in a toppling operation at the beginning of this year but went so far as to join hands for this purpose with those whom it had itself condemned as being unworthy of continuance in public life."

The party unit, he pointed out, had "even accepted as leader of the group someone against whom a judicial investigation was successfully instituted by the Swatantra government in Orissa for his improprieties."

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