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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL
EXECUTIVE OF THE SWATANTRA PARTY HELD ON 22nd
JANUARY 1975 AT THE RESIDENCE OF SHRI. GIRISH
MUNSHI, BOMBAY AT 2.30 P.M.

Present

1. Shri. G. K. Sundaram - in the Chair.
2. " Parmanand Kejriwal.
3. " Harihar Patel
4. " Girish Munshi
5. " V.S. Srikumar
6. " Jagannadham
7. " S.V. Raju
8. " K.H. Subramaniam (invitees.
9. " R.S. Bharati (

Leave of absence was granted to Shri. Babu Joseph, Shri. Ajmal Khan, Shri. V. Devanathan & Col. H.R. Pasricha.

1. The minutes of the last meeting of the National Executive held on August 28, 1974 at Delhi were considered. It was decided that as the alleged dissolution of the Swatantra Party was unconstitutional, the decisions taken thereat should be disregarded and considered as illegal, null and void and of no consequence. The minutes were, therefore, not confirmed.

2. As some of the members of the Central Parliamentary Board had, in violation of the Party's Constitution, become members of another party and consequently had ceased to be the members of the Swatantra Party, the National Executive reconstituted the Central Parliamentary Board comprising of the following members:

1. Shri. G. K. Sundaram
2. " Parmanand Kejriwal
3. " Harihar Patel
4. " Girish Munshi
5. " V.S. Srikumar.

3. In pursuance of the authority vested in it by the General Council of the party at its meeting held in Madras on 8th Dec. 1974, the National Executive decided to write to Shri. G. Hanumanta Rao to join as a member of the National Executive. Simultaneously it was decided to invite Shri. I.S. Bhargava to join the National Executive. Shri. S.V. Raju was directed to get in touch with these gentlemen in pursuance of this decision.

4. The National Executive approved of the steps being taken by the Tamil Nadu Unit to contest the arbitrary decision of the Election Commission in freezing the Party's symbol "STAR". Shri. V.S. Srikumar, Jt. Secretary reported on the legal steps proposed to be taken in the matter.

In this connection, the National Executive while endorsing the steps being taken by the Tamil Nadu Unit, recorded its strong resentment and disapproval of the arbitrary and ex parte decision of the Election Commission which were unacceptable to the Swatantra Party.

5. Funds. The difficult financial position of the Party was reviewed. Various steps to meet the situation were decided upon. The President, Shri. Sundaram agreed to address letters to potential donors to contribute funds for the Party's activities.

6. Party organisation Reviewing the Party organisation in UP, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Delhi, it was decided that Shri. Girish Munshi would undertake visits to Gujarat and Rajasthan, while Shri. Harihar Patel would visit Uttar Pradesh with a view to rally

the Party's supporters who might have been discouraged by the recent developments within the Party and to reconstitute Committees.

Shri. Sundaram would, on his next visit to Delhi, meet the party workers there and the National Headquarters would get in touch with Dr. Pasricha and Shri. Arya in this regard.

7. JP Movement. The National Executive was informed that Shri. Sundaram, Shri. Parmanand Kejriwal, Shri. Harihar Patel, Shri. Girish Munshi, Shri. Jagannadham & Shri. Srikumar had met Shri. Jayaprakash Narayan earlier that day. Shri. Minoo Masani was present at the discussions in the course of which the party's support to the Bihar movement had been communicated to him.

The National Executive while reiterating the earlier decision taken by the General Council extending support to JP's movement, approved the initiative taken by the Tamil Nadu Unit in forming an All-Party Co-ordination Committee in Tamil Nadu to support JP's movement in Bihar.

8. Bank Accounts. Regarding the Party's Bank Accounts, in view of the changes in office-bearers, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted.

"Resolved that the current accounts of the Swatantra Party, National Headquarters with (1) Bank of India, Head Office (2) Andhra Bank Ltd. Bombay and (3) Central Bank of India, Khan Market, Delhi be operated only by any one of the following office-bearers.

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| 1. Shri. G.K. Sundaram | - President |
| 2. Shri. Parmanand Kejriwal | - Vice-President |
| 3. Shri. Girish Munshi | - General Secretary |
| 4. Shri. V.S. Srikumar | - Jt. Secretary |

Shri. Girish Munshi, General Secretary was authorised to communicate to each of these banks along with the copy of resolution accordingly.

9. General. The current political and economic situation was discussed. After discussion, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted on:

1. Shri. Jayaprakash Narayan's movement.
2. Electoral Reforms
3. Food Policy
4. Revision of Electoral Rolls
5. Industrial Production.

(the texts of the resolutions are attached hereto)

10. The meeting then terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Chairman