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Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Swatantra Party, Maharashtra held on Saturday, the 27th April 1974 at the Party Office, Bombay.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Swatantra Party, Maharashtra was held at the Party Office, Sassoon Building, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bombay 1 on Saturday, the 27th April 1974 at 3.00 p.m. The following were present:

1. Mr. Madhu Mehta (Chairman)
 2. Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal
 3. Mrs. Manorama Dandekar
 4. Mr. Girish Munshi
 5. Mr. Shaffi Pirzada
 6. Mr. A.J. Pimenta
 7. Mr. Dhiraj Shah
 8. Mr. K.B. Pandey
 9. Mr. Pramod Tejokaya
 10. Mr. Motilal Sharma
 11. Mrs. Sarla Datar
 12. Mr. G.S. Dhende
 13. Mr. K.B. Maegodia
 14. Mr. L.H. Bharkada
 15. Mr. H.G. Vaishnav
 16. Mr. Y.A. Yazdani.
 17. Mr. B.R. More.
 18. Mr. Indukumar Thakkar
 19. Mr. K.H. Subramaniam
 20. Mr. N.K. Jagtap
 21. S. Ramachandran
- (Invitees.)

Leave of absence for Mr. F. C. Cama was granted.

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 1974 in Bombay which was circulated earlier, was taken as read.

Arising out of the minutes, the General Secretary reported that after the last Executive Meeting, meetings at Bandra, Kurla and Mahim were held in which he participated.

New offices were opened at Bandra and Kurla.

Unit office at Bandra was declared open on 17th March 1974 at the residence of Mrs. Molly Rodrigues at Bandra (Cool-in-Apartments, off Waterfield Road, Bandra ~~xxxx~~ Bombay 50). The Committee thanked Mrs. Rodrigues for the kind gesture shown by her in giving place for the unit office.

Kurla Unit office was formally opened by Mr. Piloo Modv, M.P. on 25th April 1974 at Dharavi-Kumbharwada Road, Bombay 17 which was followed by a public meeting in which about 3000 people were present. The Committee expressed its thanks to the organisers of this meeting, particularly Mr. Zahiruddin Shaikh, President of the Kurla Unit and Mr. Shaffi Pirzada, Secretary of the Mahim Unit who piloted the whole arrangements.

Mr. Munshi acquainted the members with the morcha organised by the Party on 28th March 1974 and referred to the main four demands submitted to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra by way of a memorandum on the same day at the Council Hall. The members felt gratified with the success of the morcha organised by the Party.

He said that a suitable project for housing the Zopadpatti dwellers and organising them was in the process of preparation by Mr. Pirzada, while Messrs. Jagtap and Pokde with the help of a few others were exploring possibilities of bringing together the hutment dwellers in the western suburb.

The General Secretary drew the attention of the members that unit meetings/district meetings should be held and that he had already issued circulars to the Presidents/Secretaries of districts/units recently. He regretted that no response has yet come from them and requested the unit and district Presidents to convene meetings without further delay.

The General Secretary said that Mr. Sitaram Singh, one of the active workers of the Party from Mazagon was already planning to collect a section of the B.E.S.T. employes with a view to forming a union.

Mr. Munshi emphasised the need to organise a conference of farmers in Maharashtra immediately after the monsoon. He said he was collecting names of persons from each district who may be able to help us in conducting a conference. He, however, mentioned that strenuous efforts had to be made in this direction and it would cost us a sizeable amount.

Shankar Prasad
Chairman.