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Minutes of the Special Urgent meeting of Presidents/Secretaries and active workers of the Party held on Saturday the ~~10th~~ 9th February 1974 at the Party Office at 4.00 pm.

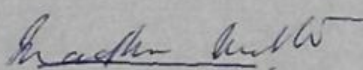
An urgent special meeting of the Presidents/Secretaries and active workers of the Swatantra Party in the Bombay area ~~at the~~ was held on Saturday the 9th February 1974 at 4.00 p.m. at the Party office. The following were present:

1. Mr. Girish Munshi (Chairman)
2. Mr. F. C. Cama
3. Mr. A. J. Pimenta
4. Mr. Biharilal Shah
5. Mr. M. S. Thakkar
6. Mr. L. R. Sampat.
7. Mr. Roomy Shroff
8. Mr. P. Manavalan
9. Mr. Behram Sidhwa.
10. K. B. Pandey
11. Mr. Sadhu Singh Thakkar
12. Mr. Shantilal Popat
13. Zarir Mehta
14. Mr. G. A. Mazalawala
15. Mr. R. Ramakrishnan
16. Mr. N. J. Barot
17. Mrs. Molly Rodrigues.
18. Mr. Abdulla Sheriff
19. Mr. M. S. Pirzada
20. Mr. A. L. Saldanha
21. Mr. Indukumar Thakkar.

Mr. Girish Munshi explained to the members about the necessity to launch an immediate campaign ~~xxxx~~ regarding slashing indirect taxes on commodities of common consumption and raising the exemption limit of personal income tax before the next budget is presented to the Parliament on 28th of this month. He informed the members that the work involved is voluminous, and only if all the units work very actively, the scheme could be pushed through. He gave an outline of the broad frame of the scheme which he wanted the members to consider seriously. The scheme was roughly to launch a signature campaign on a mass petition to be submitted to Mr. Piloo Mody, M.P. before 25th of this month, to enable him to present to the Parliament on 28th of this month. The members unanimously welcomed the plan and assured the Chairman of their fullest co-operation to collect mass signatures on the petition. Continuing the discussion, the Chairman said that the petition will be prepared in different languages and it was up to the units to work out the details as to how signatures should be collected. He said that work should be completed at unit levels by 24th and the signatures collected should be given to the State Office by that date so that he could see that the bunch of papers reach Delhi by 24th February.

The Chairman added that he would arrange a Press Conference early next week (before 14th) when the scheme would be explained to pressmen. Members were advised to collect the papers from the Party Office while all attempts would be made to send the bulk of papers to the unit Presidents/Secretaries in time.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair at 5.00 p.m.


Chairman

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