

Braft minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of Swatantra Party, Bombay Region, held on Wednesday the 16th December, 1970

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Swatantra Party, Bombay Region, was held at the Party office on Wednesday the 16th December, 1970, when the following members were present:

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1. Shri R.V. Murthy (Chairman)
 2. Shri Parmanand Kejriwal
 3. Smt. Sarla Datar
 4. Smt. Sharayu Daftary (by invitation)
 5. Shri Hiren Shah
 6. Shri J. Venkiteswaran
 7. Shri B.H. Ginwala
 8. Shri P.M. Shah
 9. Shri Shashikant Gavaskar
 10. Shri S. Ramachandran
 11. Shri Shafi Pirzada
 12. Shri Pramod Tejokaya
 13. Shri Adi Narain
 14. Shri P.S. Koopiker

Leave of absence was granted to Shri Shantilal Thar and Shri Shafi Thanawala.

1. At the outset, The Chairman welcomed Shri B.H. Ginwala (from Bombay North East District) and Shri Shafi Pirzada (from Bombay Central District) who have been elected in the vacancies of Shri Indukumar Thakkar and Shri Dhamankar respectively.

2. While considering the minutes of the meeting held on 25-11-70, Smt. Sharayu Daftary suggested that certain references to our leaders were not happily worded and therefore they should be deleted. This was accepted and the following words were deleted : (last line of Page No.1 and first two lines of the minutes)

"but we could not get All India leaders to participate, who on one excuse or the other could not attend the Shibir even though about six week notice was given to them."

3. a) Arising out of the minutes, the General Secretary reported that our President had appointed Shri Nana Chudasama as the Executive Vice-Chairman in connection with the Convention work. The General Secretary reported that various Sub-Committees were meeting as frequently as possible to chalk out their plan of activities and that almost all our active workers were associated with one or the other sub-Committees.

b) He also informed the meeting that Shri Masani would be meeting the members of the Convention Organising Committee at a luncheon meeting on 23-12-70 to acquaint himself with the progress of work in connection with the Convention.

c) He further reported that the venue of the meeting of the Ladies Wing has been shifted from Shanmukhananda Hall to Patkar Hall, the time and date being the same.

d) He said that circulars to Units inviting resolutions and/or amendments to the Constitution have been sent and they have been requested to send in their resolutions etc. before 31-12-70.

4. In view of the Convention, it was decided to defer discussion on the General Secretary's note on Party organisation.

5. Regarding renovation of office, the General Secretary reported that painting work was completed and a cabin has also been put up, which is allotted for the work of the Public Assistance Bureau. Some members felt that there should not be any exclusiveness, for any aspect of work. If there was to be exclusiveness, then, Smt. Daftary felt that the work of the Ladies Wing too would require a cabin. Shri P.M. Shah suggested that any part of the Office premises, when not used for any particular purpose, could be utilised by others for party work. In this connection, Shri Adi Narain explained that in view of diverse variety of complainants coming to him, he preferred to have a separate place so that they could meet and discuss their grievances. Further he said that he had to maintain many files and they too would require to be kept in a safe place. He further explained that he did not want any exclusive cabin and was ready to sit in the

old cabin , but Shri Ramachandran, a Joint Secretary suggested that the old bigger cabin should be used by the General Secretary and other Secretaries including Office Secretary and hence he was asked to occupy the present place. The Chairman called a halt to the discussion and said that the General secretary should see and make necessary arrangements for the smooth moving of the Office and Party activities.

6. Smt. Sarla Datar reported that Scrutiny Sub-Committee had met on 14-12-70 and the following bills were processed:

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>amount</u>
	23-11-70	Chhotalal Painter for two banners for the Bombay North East Dist.workers meeting	24.00
779	30-11-70	Ajit Printers for the printing of 2000 membership forms	60.00
1036/70	31-10-70	Bombay Process Studio for making National Convention symbol blocks	93.08

The above bills were sanctioned. Regarding the pending bills of Public Assistance Bureau, she said that they could not be processed for want of funds and hence they were referred to Dr.Cooper for advice. Shri Burther said that a budget for Public Assistance Bureau work prepared by Shri Adi Narain was also referred to Dr.Cooper for advice and guidance.

In this connection, Shri Adi Narain explained that it was not a budget as such, but a rough paper detailing the items with a view to explain the nature of work and that he had also said that except for stationery, postage and typist, all other expenses would be borne by him through donations. Hence he felt that there was no necessity to refer the matter back again to Dr.Cooper, who is a busy person. Regarding donations, it was decided that the donations in cash or kind should be brought to the notice of the Executive Committee and the donors suitably thanked by proper persons.

7. As regards the quota of delegates from Units, Shri J.Venkiteswaran suggested that in case any unit failed to name its full quota, then the balance should be distributed to the most active units. Shri P.M.Shah countered this suggestion by saying that the balance should be distributed on the basis of membership obtained in October 1970. At the suggestion of Shri Ramachandran, it was decided to entrust this work to a sub-Committee consisting of the General Secretary, Shri P.M.Shah and Shri J.Venkiteswaran.

The General Secretary briefed the members about the progress of work done by various sub-Committees in connection with the Convention.

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

CHAIRMAN.