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Draft minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of Swatantra Party, Bombay Region, held on Wednesday the 23rd September, 1970

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Swatantra Party, Bombay Region, was held at the Party office on Wednesday the 23rd September, 1970 when the following members were present:

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| 1. Shri Lalchand Hirachand (Chairman) | 7/9 |
| 2. Shri Parmanand Kejriwal | 4/9 |
| 3. Shri R.V. Murthy | 4/9 |
| 4. Shri P.S. Koppiker | 7/9 |
| 5. Shri Shashikant Gavaskar | 7/9 |
| 6. Shri Mehmood Omer | 7/9 |
| 7. Shri S. Ramachandran | 8/9 |
| 8. Shri J.V. Venkiteswaran | 7/9 |
| 9. Shri Ramesh Dave | 7/9 |
| 10. Shri P.M. Shah (by invitation) | |
| 11. Shri Adi Narain. | 9/9 |

The following members were absent.

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| 1. Dr. R.C. Cooper | 2. Mr. Madhu N. Mehta |
| 3. Mr. Shantilal Thar | 4. Mrs. Sarla Datar |
| 5. Prof. P.J. Shroff | 6. Mr. Nana Chudasama |
| 7. Mr. Nariman D. Sahukar | 8. Mr. Arun Kumar Guha |
| 9. Mr. N.M. Gandhi | 10. Mr. Hiran H. Shah |
| 11. Dr. Simon Fernandes | 12. Mrs. Molly Rodrigues |
| 13. Mr. Pramod Tejokaya | 14. Mr. Shafi Thanawala |
| 15. Mr. V.M. Astik | 16. Mr. Indukumar Thakkar |
| 17. Mrs. Sharayu Daftary | |

Leave of absence was granted to Shri Indukumar Thakkar, Shri Shantilal Thar and Mr. Madhu Mehta. Mr. Pramod Tejokaya

1. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th September, 1970, were confirmed.

2. Regarding the matters arising out of the minutes, the Chairman wanted that the Office Secretary in consultation with the General Secretary should submit a note of the action taken on matters arising out of the minutes, so that the same could be disposed off within as short a time as possible thus enabling members to devote more time to discuss other matters and finish the Agenda in time. This was agreed to.

3. Regarding the National Convention, the Chairman wanted to know whether the Party would be able to collect the amounts targeted in our minutes. Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal felt that the difficulty would be for Rs. 2,00,000/- to be collected from two hundred persons to be enrolled as members of the Reception Committee. In this connection, the Chairman said that if we encountered any difficulty in getting donation of Rs. 1000/- per head from 200 persons, we might get it at least from 100 or 150 persons and the balance through advertisements in the special Members of White Star. The Chairman therefore requested the members to start making a list of persons to be approached in the matter. Regarding the remaining ten names of members of the Convention Organising Committee, the Chairman assured that he would submit them within a week.

4. Regarding the Parliamentary Board for Bombay Region, the Chairman said that he would finalise the list within a week.

5. Regarding the two proposals for Shibir from Matunga and Mahim units 1) for a two day Shibir and 2) for one day

Shibir, respectively Mr. Murthy suggested that the Shibir should be held for one day and it should be on a modest scale. He also said that since Mahim Unit has undertaken to conduct the same, the responsibility be undertaken by Mahim Unit, since the Matunga Unit had decided to collect funds for the Convention by visiting house to house in the Matunga Constituency and this itself would take a lot of time and energy. It was therefore decided to request the Mahim Unit to hold the Shibir and the General Secretary was asked to write to them to hold the same on a modest scale. Regarding the programme for the Shibir, it was decided to invite some of the All India leaders and to request them to speak on different subjects such as the Statement of Principles of the Party, the sacredness of Fundamental Rights, etc. The leaders should be requested to give a talk for 15 minutes on the subject followed by questions and clarifications so that the workers participating would be able to understand the subject well which would enable them to face the public.

In this connection, it was also decided to invite some workers from Maharashtra, so that they could also avail of the facility. It was decided to charge Rs.2/- per head towards food expenses, which was to be handed over to the Mahim Unit viz the hosting unit. It was however, decided to make it clear to all the workers including the Maharashtra workers that they should attend the Shibir at their own cost.

Regarding the date of the Shibir, the Chairman informed that he would be out of Bombay between 11th and 20th October 1970 and the General Secretary was requested to fix the dates between 20th and 30th of October.

The Chairman also wanted that at the end of the day, a brochure containing Party's view point on many important subjects should be distributed to the participants so that the workers would be able to answer any question put to them by the members of the public.

The General Secretary agreed to sit with Mr. R.V. Murthy and prepare the entire programme.

6. Regarding the General Secretary's Letter No.239 dated September, 3, 1970 to send 5 delegates for the preparatory Convention of the National Youth Front to be held at Bhubaneswar from October 21-23 of October, 1970, the General Secretary was asked to look into the matter and send the reply before the end of the month.

7. Regarding General Secretary's letter No.238, on the subject of cooptions to the General Council, a discussion was held and it was unanimously decided to recommend the names of Mrs. Sharayu Daftary and Mr. Girish Munshi. The General Secretary was asked to write a letter to the National Headquarters to do the needful in the matter.

8. Regarding a Separate Bank Account for the National Convention of the Party, the following resolution was passed, in regard to operation of the Bsnk Account:

Resolved that a Separate Bank Account, viz. Swatantra Party, Account No.III be opened with the Union Bank of India and be operated by the following persons:

Any two out of the following Office bearers:

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| 1. Shri Lalchand Hirachand | - President |
| 2. Shri Parmanand Kejriwal | - Vice-President |
| 3. Shri P.S.Koppiker | - General Secretary |
| 4. Mrs.Sarla Datar | - Hon.Treasurer. |

However, the office Secretary was asked to make it a practice to have the signature of the Treasurer on every withdrawal along with the signature of any other office bearer as mentioned above.

9. Regarding the amount of Rs.125/- that was paid by Mr.N.Dandekar, M.P. upto April, 1970 to Shri Srinivasan and which was stopped subsequently, it was decided to sanction an increment of Rs.100/- per month with effect from September, 1970 in his salary of Rs.150/- per month which he is getting at present from us.

10. Regarding the resignation of Mr.J.Venkiteswaran, President of the Matunga Unit and it was decided to recommend to the unit to accept the resignation of Mr.J.Venkiteswaran, as President of the Matunga Unit, as Mr.Venkiteswaran wanted to resign on grounds of illhealth.

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

CHAIRMAN.