

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of Swatantra Party, Bombay Region, held on Wednesday the 9th September, 1970

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Swatantra Party, Bombay Region was held at the Party office, on Wednesday the 9th September, 1970, when the following members were present :

1:	Shri Lalchand Hirachand (Chairman)	6/8
2:	Dr.R.C.Cooper	3/8
3:	Mrs.Sarla Datar	2/8
4:	Mr.P.S.Koppiker	8/8
5:	Mr.Madhu Mehta	7/8
6:	Mr.Parmanand Kejriwal	5/8
7:	Mr.Pramod Tejokava	8/8
8:	Mr.S.Ramachandran	7/8
9:	Mr.Ramesh Dave	6/8
10:	Mrs.Sharavu Daftarv (by invitation)	
11:	Mr.V.M.Astik	1/3
12:	Mr.Indukumar Thakkar	2/3
13:	Mr.Adi Narain	8/8
14:	Mr.Hiren Shah	8/8

1. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th and 27th August, were confirmed.

2. Regarding the National Convention of the Party, the Executive Secretary of the Swatantra Party, National Headquarters informed that it has been fixed for 30th and 31st January, 1971. Previous to the Convention, the Central Parliamentary Board and the National Executive and the General Council would be meeting. He informed that the General Council could be held at the foir of the Shanmukhananda Hall and the Convention could be held at the Shanmukhananda Hall itself. He also informed that he had personally visited the Hall and that the rental for the hall, the extra rooms available for stay and also of the foir would come to about Rs.10,000/-. In this connection, Mr.Parmanand Kejriwal and Mr.Nana Chudasama felt that if the same could be held at an open place by making a pandal in the Fort area, it would get good publicity. At the same time some people feared that from the point of view of sabotage by interested parties, the hall would be better than an open place and even with a limited audience we could give a good show. However, it was finally decided to book the Shanmukhananda Hall provisionally and in case if the Party was able to arrange the Convention in an open place, could be changed later on.

3. Regarding the collection of funds for the Convention, ~~the~~ ~~Executive Secretary~~ the Executive Secretary informed that Mr.Masani had seen the budget of the Collection and expenses and he was of the view that the Bombay Region could get some surplus as under :

200 members who would pay to become members of Convention Committee at the rate of Rs. 2,00,000.00
1000/-

Delegates fee at the rate of Rs.5/- of about 800 delegates 4,000.00

Sale of tickets for the visitors at Shanmukhananda Hall at the rate of Rs.2½ for 1500 people. 3,000.00

Subscription dinner collections 15,000.00

Box collections 1,000.00

Total 2,23,000.00

	Total :	2,23,000.00
Less : Expenses on the basis of previous Convention expenses		60,000.00
Balance		1,63,000.00

The Executive Secretary further informed that as per the convention of the Party, the proceeds of souvenir would go to the National Headquarters, and the State Unit would not get anything out of it. Mr. Ramesh Dave said that the State Unit would have its own souvenir by procuring advertisements from parties without touching the list of parties whom the National Headquarters would approach. However, it was finally decided to arrange to bring out a special number of the White Star. The General Secretary however opened that the Party may not be in a position to collect later on funds for the General Election and therefore the Party should try to collect more funds at the time of the Convention alone.

Regarding the Fundamental Rights front, Mr. Nana Chudasama said that it has been decided to print a separate leaflet without the Party's symbol on it and the same would be ready in a day or two. He also said that he would be calling a meeting of some students on the 18th or 19th of this month and then he would go in a full swing, through offices etc. Mr. Nana Chudasama also showed a sample of the Badge printed for the convenors and said that his idea was to collect about 200 to 300 thousand signatures and then arrange for a Convention in Bombay submit those signatures to Shri K. Subba Rao.

In order to work out the details of the Convention, it was decided to call a meeting of the Office bearers on Wednesday the 16th when the details would be decided about the setting up of a Convention working Committee and other details.

Regarding the Shibir of the Party, the General Secretary informed that an estimate was submitted by the Matunga Unit for Rs. 3500/- being the expenses that was to be borne by the Regional Office. He also informed that the Mahim Unit of the Party has come out with a proposal to bear all the expenses of the Shibir for one day. However, it was decided to circulate both the proposals to the members of the Executive and take a decision at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Regarding the Ladies Committee, Mrs. Daftary said that they had taken a decision to hold meetings alternatively at the unit places every fortnight and desired that ladies from different Units should invite them to hold the meetings at their units. She also informed that she has made preparations to establish units at Bandra and ~~Worli~~ Worli.

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

CHAIRMAN.

SWATANTRA PARTY

Sassoon Building,
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Bombay.1.

11th September, 1970.

Mr.P.S.Koppiker,
General Secretary,
Swatantra Party, Bombay Region.

Dear Mr.Koppiker,

Sub : Holding a Workers' Shibir in Bombay.

Further to the directive given to us at the last Executive Committee meeting we were on the lookout for a suitable place to hold the above 'Shibir' and have pleasure in reporting as under:

All schools and Colleges and Cultural institutions in our area will not be in a position to give us space for various consideration viz. (a) Hall not available for political parties (b) School/College closes for vacation only in mid October (c) will not allow people to stay or do cooking. This restricts us to marriage halls only

There is one excellent hall Naranji Samji Wadi at Kings Circle with complete facilities suited to our requirements. They have one big conference hall, one big dining hall, 2 big rooms for stay with bath and toilet facilities. There is separate cooking place, with a store room, vessels, beds etc. available as per list attached, at extra cost.

The cost for the hall will come to about Rs.1000/- for two days. I have provisionally booked the place on (23/8/70) for two days on 26th and 27th September subject to confirmation with an advance of Rs.1000/- within a week. The booking is however, subject to confirmation by the Trustees.

Assuming that we will be providing for 100 workers, the total cost to us including Hall, food extras etc. will come to Rs.3000/- to Rs.3,500/- for a two day 'Shibir'.

Please discuss this with our President, Shri Lalchand Hirachand and if the Bombay Region agrees to bear the entire expenses, please let us know. I suggest that Mr.S.Ramachandran, Joint Secretary, of the Bombay Region, should be put on special duty for this purpose as all correspondence etc. will have to be done from the Bombay Regional Office.

Assuring you of our best cooperation,

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-.

(J.VENKITESWARAN)

cc: Seth Lalchand Hirachand, for information.

The President,
Swatantra Party,
Bombay Region,
143 Mahatma Gandhi Road,
BOMBAY.1

Dear Sir,

Proposal for One Day 'Shibir'

We take pleasure to invite the Bombay Regional Unit to hold its one day Shibir in the month of October, at Mahim and we would consider it as their privilege to play as a host for the Shibir.

We are giving below few details to give you an idea about the arrangements :

1. We have a nice hall in view which can accommodate about 250 persons (at Shivaji Park Scout and Guide Hall)
2. We would be in a position to receive about 200 delegates for whom we intend to give breakfast, lunch and tea.
3. The programme can be started at 9 a.m. upto 1 p.m. and in the evening 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. after which in the same hall we will continue with the public meeting.
4. This is an area which is the centre of activities of all political parties. As we have no base here we have decided to take the opportunity to call the people from Shivaji Park area to our public meeting.
5. The arrangements have been made to attract people of that area to our public meeting and we feel in the evening you will find the hall jam packed.

Estimate of Expenses :

For Hall	Rs. 350-00
For Decoration	150-00
Mike etc.	150-00
	<u>Rs. 650-00</u>
Catering expenses for	
- 200 persons	1,000-00
Sundry expenses	150-00
	<u>Rs. 1,800-00</u>
We expect at the rate	
of Rs.2/- for 200 persons	<u>400-00</u>
Balance :	<u>Rs. 1,400-00</u>

The entire amount will be borne by our unit without putting any burden on the Regional Office or on the participants.

We must mention that the programme has been chalked out with the help of Mr. Adi Narain and he has promised his cooperation organising the same.

We would be also willing to organise the Shibir for two days, but it will not be possible to bear the entire expenses for both the days and in that case, we request the Bombay Regional office to bear its share of about Rs.1,500/-. For one day's Shibir, we are prepared to bear the entire expenses.

Awaiting to hear an early replv,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Shafi Pirzada)
Secretarv.