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Recent reports in the Press suggesting that there is an overwhelming desire on the part of members of the Swatantra Party, to dissolve the Party so as to enable the formation of a new political party, have been contradicted by the General Secretary of the Maharashtra State Unit of the Swatantra Party, Mr. Girish Munshi. In a statement released to the Press, Mr. Munshi said:

" The Maharashtra State Council of the Swatantra Party held a meeting on 6th July 1974 in Bombay specifically to consider the question of the Party's dissolution. At the end of a long discussion in the course of which Party leaders including Mr. Piloo Mody, MP and Mr. M.R. Masani participated, the Maharashtra State Council adopted a resolution opposing the dissolution of the Party. The resolution affirmed that even if a decision to dissolve the Party was taken at the National Convention, the Maharashtra State Swatantra Party would continue to function as the Swatantra Party in Maharashtra because the Party's principles and policies were in its view as relevant today as they were when they were first formulated".