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Letter From Mr. G. Latchanna, President-Andhra Pradesh Swatantra Party,
forwarding Resolution of Andhra State Council to Mr. H. M. Patel

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Camp : Hyderabad

Dated : 22 - 3 - 1972

I am in receipt of the National Executive Circular No. 102 and the General Council Circular No. 47, both dated 17.3.72, regarding the proposed National Executive and General Council Meetings to be held at Bombay on 8th and 9th April, 1972, to review the Party's performance in the recent Assembly Elections.

I am afraid, I may not be able to attend the meetings for reasons beyond my control. *

However, I would like to draw your kind attention to the Resolutions - 1,2 and 3 passed unanimously in the joint meeting of Andhra Pradesh State Executive, State Parliamentary Board and Presidents and Secretaries of District Units held at Hyderabad on 19th and 20th instant. I request you to kindly see that these Resolutions may be circulated to all the members in advance so that they may be taken into consideration with all seriousness by the National Executive and General Council and necessary decisions may please be taken.

We will be very much obliged if you kindly make it possible to let us know the reactions and decisions of our National Executive and General Council in respect of the above said resolutions. We propose to convene a joint meeting of our State Council, the Party Legislators and the Presidents and Secretaries of District Units in the last week of April 1972. "

* Rajya Sabha elections in Andhra where Prof. Ranga is a candidate -
Polling is on 9th April.

Resolutions Adopted by the Joint Meeting of Executive Committee,
Parliamentary Board and District Party Presidents and Secretaries of
Andhra Pradesh Swatantra Party held on 19th March at Hyderabad.

Resolutions :

1. The Executive reviewed the recent Election results in the light of securing 2,79,348 votes out of 9,06,000 votes, i.e. 30.9 % in the 18 Constituencies in which Party contested inspite of sweeping nation-wide Indira-Wave supplemented by abuse of power, money and intimidation. This achievement has been made possible by the dedicated zeal with which the youth and students, in great numbers threw themselves in support of the Swatantra Party and thereby endeavoured to sustain a strong and honest opposition, which is so essential for healthy democratic set-up in the country. The Executive conveys its grateful thanks to the youth, for their devoted support, as also to the voters that voted to the Party.

The Executive also notes with interest the success of a large number of Independents in the Legislature and while congratulating the Independents, exhorts them by organising themselves into a strong and stable democratic opposition in the Assembly and thereby respect the wishes of the electorate.

2. The State Party Executive strongly feels that it is high time that the Party's policies and programmes should be radically re-oriented so as to genuinely reflect the ambitions of the toiling millions, particularly of Harijans, Girjans and other Backward Classes.
 3. This meeting authorises the Party Legislators Sri B. Ratnasabhapathi, Shri Y. Venkata Rao and Shri P. Raja-Gopalanaidu to organise a stable democratic opposition bloc in both the Houses of Andhra Pradesh Legislature by contacting like-minded Independent Legislators.
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