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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Swatantra Party, Bombay Region, held on Wednesday, the 24th November, 1971 at 6.15.p.m.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Swatantra Party, Bombay Region, was held on Wednesday, the 24th November, 1971 at 6.15.p.m. at the Party's office when the following members were present:

1. Mr. Maurice Japhet
2. Mr. Mr. R.V. Murthy
3. Mr. F.C. Cama
4. Mr. K.B. Magodia
5. Mr. J. Venkiteswaran
6. Mr. Madhav Khandekar
7. Mr. Mahmood Omar
8. Mr. A.T. Borate

In the absence of the President, Mr. Maurice Japhet was unanimously elected to the chair.

Mr. Shantilal Thar's request for leave from the meeting was granted.

Leave of absence from meetings till end of December 1971 on account of illness was also granted to Mr. V.M. Astik (Mulund).

Item 1 of the Agenda.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on October 12, 1971 were read and confirmed with a slight modification in one of the items, namely: Subvention Payment to Matunga Unit.

Item 2 of the Agenda.

The General Secretary informed the meeting that only one unit (Dombivili) has sent in comments on the draft manifesto circulated to the units, although replies were requested for from the units by 20th November 1971.

Mr. Venkiteswaran mentioned that the Matunga Unit considered the manifesto and some suggestions would be received by the Regional Office in day or two.

Dealing with the points received from the Dombivili unit which were further clarified at the meeting by Mr. Borate of that unit, Mr. Murthy mentioned that pollution and adulteration of food have been briefly referred to in the suggestions finalised by the Matunga Unit.

In reply to queries from some members, both Mr. Japhet and Mr. Murthy said that the manifesto should be brief and to the point and this was the basis on which the manifesto was drafted.

In view of the fact that there were no other suggestions received from other units, it was decided by the meeting that the manifesto as drafted by the Sub-Committee be taken as final.

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With the permission of the Chair, the following points were also discussed:

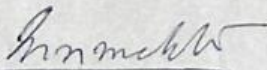
1. With regard to a seminar which the Bombay South District had proposed earlier, the General Secretary reported that he had talks with the District Secretary, Mr. Kapadia. The General Secretary was informed that there was no progress in that direction for want of finance. Mr. Khandekar was then requested to contact Mr. Kapadia and work out a programme including the question of finance.

2. The General Secretary presented to the meeting a Bill for Rs. 788.30 incurred by the Bombay Region for posters and banners (regarding "Mercedes Socialism" and for displaying them on 14th October 1971. The bill was passed by the meeting.

3. The members felt the absence of some Executive Committee members who had not attended all the three meetings so far held after their election. The meeting took notice of the declining trend of attendance in the Committee meetings. After discussion, it was decided that all such members should be written to by the General Secretary with

a request to make it convenient to attend the meetings regularly, since their guidance would be necessary. Whilst on the subject, it was also thought advisable that besides personal letters, personal contacts would also be necessary. The Office Secretary was directed to telephonically remind the members a few days in advance of the meetings, wherever practicable. It was also decided that in future at least 14 days' notice should be given to members, as far as possible.

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


President.