

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Swatantra Party, Bombay Region, held on Friday the 22nd October, 1971.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Swatantra Party, Bombay Region, was held on Friday the 22nd October, 1971, at 6.15.p.m. at the Party Office, when the following members were present:

1. Mr. Madhu Mehta (Chairman)	2/2
2. Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal	2/2
3. Mr. F.C. Cama	2/2
4. Mr. K.H. Subramaniam	2/2
5. Mr. Shantilal L. Thar	2/2
6. Mr. R.V. Murthy	2/2
7. Mr. P.M. Shah	1/2
8. Mr. Joseph Pinheiro	2/2
9. Mr. Pramod Tejookaya	1/2
10. Mr. J. Venkiteswaran	2/2
11. Mr. Dhiraj M. Shah	2/2
12. Mr. B.H. Ginwalla	1/2
13. Mr. Maurice Japhet	2/2

Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 30th September, 1971, were read and confirmed.

ITEM 2 OF THE AGENDA:

The Chairman suggested the formation of the Parliamentary Board as under:

1. Mr. Shantilal Thar (Convener);
2. Mr. R.V. Murthy;
3. Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal; and
4. Dr. Simon Fernandes.

The above suggestion was unanimously accepted;

It was also decided that -

- a) The President and the General Secretary should be special invitees at every meeting of the Parliamentary Board, and
- b) The President and the Secretary of the Primary Unit from which a candidate is considered for selection should also be invited at the concerned meeting of the Parliamentary Board.

ITEM 3:

The meeting appointed a Sub-Committee consisting of the following members for drafting Election Manifesto for the forthcoming Assembly Elections.

1. Mr. Subramaniam - Convenor
2. Mr. R.V. Murthy
3. Mr. Maurice Japhet
4. Mr. P.M. Shah
5. Mr. J. Venkiteswaran
6. Mr. Dhiraj Shah
7. Mr. B.H. Ginwalla.

The Committee was requested to prepare the draft and submit it at a special meeting of the Executive Committee fixed for it on the 29th October, 1971.

ITEM NO.4 :

The points from the proceedings of the National Executive and General Council held in Bangalore on 17th & 18th September, 1971, were noted by the meeting.

ITEM NO. 5:

The General Secretary reported that as Mr. Jitendra Dave himself considered that he had hardly any chance of success at the polls during the fourth coming Municipal-Bye-Election, the General Secretary wrote to him, suggesting that the matter might be dropped. The meeting approved the General Secretary's action.

ITEM NO.6:

(a) It was decided that as one of the measures for collecting Party funds and at the same time, obtaining a sense of participation by Party workers, a cash collection box be kept on the table of all Committee and Council meetings, so that members can contribute their mite.

It was further decided that normally the box should be kept on the table of the office secretary so as to afford an opportunity to all workers and sympathisers to give cash donations, however small, whenever they are in the Party office.

Mr. Shantilal Thar, Joint Treasurer, further requested the members to think up suggestions for raising Party funds and send them for consideration. The meeting accepted Mr. Thar's suggestion.

It was decided with Mr. Shantilal Thar and Mr. J. #.
(b) ~~As the earlier Resolution of the Executive Committee sanctioning subvention to the Marunga Primary Unit was not traceable, it was decided that Mr. J. Venkiteswaran should be requested to look into the matter and report.~~

Venkiteswaran be authorised to look into and settle the issue.
With the permission of the Chair the following further matters were taken in hand:

(1) The General Secretary reported that the Screening Committee at its first meeting considered and accepted five new applications for membership as Party workers.

It was decided that as far as possible the Unit concerned should be consulted by the Screening Committee for every application for enrolment unless there was obviously no need to do so.

(2) The General Secretary suggested that, in order to strengthen the work of the Office Bearers, he would like to have the assistance of Mr. Indukumar Thakkar, and to give him a designation. The meeting unanimously accepted the suggestion and decided that Mr. Thakkar be designated "Organiser".

(3) With regard to operation of the Bank accounts, the General Secretary informed the meeting that all formalities had been met with, except for the signature of one of the Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Dandekar, on the forms, etc., since she was out of Bombay. As soon as Mrs. Dandekar returned to Bombay her signatures would be obtained.

(4) A reference was made to the note entitled "Gram Swaraj" sent in by Mr. T.R. Ramakrishnan of the Matunga Primary Unit. Incidentally, Mr. Ramakrishnan himself happened to be in the Party office at that time, and since his note was being considered by the meeting, he was invited to come in and say anything further that he might wish to say.

As the issues involved were of national nature, it was unanimously decided that the General Secretary should forward Mr. Ramakrishnan's note to the National Headquarters for its

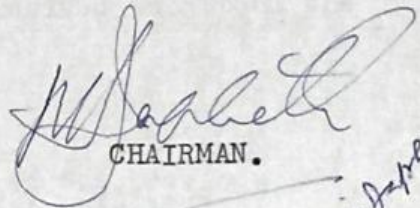
consideration.

(5) The President referred to the decision taken at the Bombay South District Committee Meeting held on the 3rd October, 1971, that a seminar be arranged by the Bombay South District in connection with the working of the Bombay Building Repairs Board. It was decided that the General Secretary should move the Bombay South District to arrange the proposed seminar at an early date.

(6) The meeting decided that a Regional Council meeting should be called as early as possible and accordingly fixed it up on Tuesday the 9th November, 1971 at 6.p.m.

(7) The application from the office boy, Vijay Kumar for Ex-gratia payment was considered. It was decided to give him an allowance of Rs.20/- per month from 1st October, 1971.

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


CHAIRMAN.
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