

Swatantra Party

(Bombay Region)

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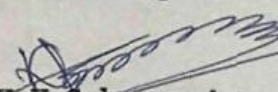
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SASSOON BUILDING,
143, MAHATMA GANDHI ROAD.

BOMBAY 1, 28th Oct. 71

Mr. R.V. Murthy
Mr. Paphet

Attached hereto is the DRAFT of the Manifesto. Please go through it, make your valuable suggestions and return the same to Mr. Narayan, our Office Secretary by this evening so that he can make copies for our meeting on 29th.


K.H. Subramaniam

Enc: 1

Dear Shri Subramaniam,

I have been able just to edit your draft and return. I shall try to follow up with my suggestions formally when I attend the meeting. You may ask Shri Narayan to make copies of the draft as edited by me and circulate.

Yours sincerely
R.V. Murthy
28/10/71

SWATANTRA PARTY

ELECTION MANIFESTO

^{from coming}
The (approach of the) Elections to the Maharashtra Assembly affords to the Swatantra Party, Bombay Region, ^{our opportunity} (the chance) to place before the citizens of Bombay, constructive and well-thought-out suggestions concerning the most pressing ^{problems} of this Premier City's ~~burning problems~~ ^{No one can dispute that these} which have to be solved, if Bombay is to be spared ~~from~~ the fate of Calcutta.

HOUSING

[The core of the ^{colossal} phenomenal housing problem confronting the city is the speedy rehabilitation of ^{the} slum and hutment dwellers. The party will advocate the establishment of a high-powered Housing Authority, consisting of specialists in urban housing, to promote the construction of houses, flats and tenements, using the latest techniques and material, so as to reduce costs, the party will also ^{urge} advocate appropriate subsidies (in respect of ^{tenancy} rents ^{ownership} as also purchase, ^{of tenements occupied by them} to weaker sections of the population. The Party will further press for the enactment of laws to counter unhealthy speculation in real-estate, which has, in recent years, sent land ^{and, therefore, building prices also} prices/sky-rocketing.]

TRANSPORT SERVICES

The Party will advocate the establishment of ^{an autonomous} a Metropolitan Rapid Transport Body on ~~autonomous~~ lines to be in overall operative command of the existing surface transport systems (suburban trains and municipal buses) and will also explore the possibility of water transport services on the western sea front of Bombay, so as to ease the pressure on the existing facilities.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The city, harbours ^{ing, as it does} a heavy concentration of job-seekers, ~~and~~ is a microcosm of the nation's colossal unemployment problem. This ^{overconcentration of the population} leads to as yet unrecognised social consequences. The continuous influx of job-seeking rural folk into the city must ^{be} halted and reversed, by increasing job opportunities in the rural areas. The Swatantra has been earnestly ^{campaigning} pleading to the Government for the allotment of funds to organise a massive Public Works Programme of road ^{roads} buildings (both in the villages and main national highways), minor irrigation and construction of ^{low cost} cheap houses and conservancy services in villages throughout the country. ^{Thinking}

This
which
can only
be done

As far as

is concerned
specially of Bombay dispersal of industries into the
Trans-Thana belt and further into the mainland *should greatly*
~~will~~
directly help the process of halting the influx of
village people into the city. The party will *support all schemes* encourage *them*
afford and offer incentives for the establishment of new
and rehabilitation of ~~the~~ old industries in this
region. Further, the Party *like* would advocate an extensive
programme of imparting basic skilled (to the large
number of unskilled job-seekers) such as welding,
smithy, carpentry, machining, etc. which will increase
the productivity of these people wherever they get
employment. The party will, through a programme of
adult education, *also* to give opportunities to these
people to educate themselves in rudimentary civics,
economics and politics so as to make them more
responsible and enlightened. The co-operation of the
student community will be enlisted in this adult educa-
tion programme, *with a view to giving* which will also give a creative outlet to
g the students' abundant energies.

CITY DEVELOPMENT

The city's population has well-nigh reached
a point, where its civic services already showing
visible signs of strain, *via path to* will break down completely. *Rather than*
allow this happen The party will support *all* action towards *early* realisation of the
Twin City Project which is the only realistic solution

~~suited~~ to the peculiar topography of the ~~City of~~
Bombay. ^{this high time} The island city ^{but the gov} must break out of its cramped ~~frontiers~~
frontiers into the mainland across the sea.

The Party pledges itself to the
pursuit of these ^{aims in particular and all problems} ~~and other similar policies~~ through its ^{Bombayites} ~~its~~ ^{generally}
elected representatives in the Assembly so as to
make ~~our city~~ a better and healthier place to
live in. ^{it is to be hoped} The Party ~~hopes that~~ the enlightened
voters of the city will recognise that ~~the~~
lack of adequate and timely measures to counter the
various problems which have nearly set our beloved
city on the path of ^{urban} degradation and decay, ~~and~~
will, ~~therefore~~, send as many Swatantra Legislators
as possible to speak for them, ~~and pursue the~~
~~aforsaid objectives.~~
