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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Swatantra Party, Bombay Region, held on Thursday the 30th September 1971 at the Party Office.

A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Swatantra Party, Bombay Region, was held on Thursday the 30th September 1971 at the Party Office, when the following members were present.

1. Shri. Madhu Mehta (Chairman)
2. " Parmanand Kejriwal
3. " F.C.Cama
4. " Hiren H. Shah
5. " K.H. Subramaniam
6. " K.B. Magodia
7. " Shantilal Thar
8. Smt. Sarla Datar
9. " R.V. Murthy
10. " Madhav Khandekar
11. " Joseph Pinheiro
12. " J. Venkiteswaran
13. " Dhiraj Shah
14. " Mehmood Omer
15. " N.K. Jagtap
16. " Maurice Japheth

1. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th August 1971 were confirmed.

Item 2 of the Agenda:

Application dated 27th September 1971 from Mr. P. Narayan for the post of OFFICE SECRETARY in the Bombay Regional office was considered. The Committee authorised Vice-President, Shri. Parmanand Kejriwal, General Secretary, Shri. F.C. Cama and Joint Treasurer, Smt. Sarla Datar to interview Mr. Narayan.

Item 3. of the Agenda:

Formation of Parliamentary Board for Bombay Region was left to the discretion of the President.

Item 4 of the Agenda

Letter dated 25th August 1971 from the Returning Officer, Bombay North West District to the President and letter dated 26th August 1971 from Mr. Eric B. Bocarro to the General Secretary with regard to the filling of the 11th vacancy of Bandra Primary Unit Committee were discussed at length. The Committee was convinced that the correct procedure was followed in the election and it was decided that the General Secretary should send a suitable reply to Mr. Bucarro.

Item No. 5 of the Agenda:

Letter dated 12th June 1971 from the Secretary, Matunga Unit addressed to the then President regarding arrears of monthly subvention of Rs. 75/- for the period November 1970 to May 1971 was considered. The Committee authorised the Joint Treasurers to look into the matter and do the needful expeditiously.

Item 6 of the Agenda:

A "SCREENING COMMITTEE" for scrutinising all applications for enrolment as workers of our Party was appointed with the General Secretary as Convenor and two of the Joint Secretaries Shri. viz: /Hiren Shah and Shri. K.H. Subramaniam as members.

Mr. Venkataswaran suggested that scrutiny of each application should be completed within 10 days from the receipt of applications. The President stated that the Committee should meet twice a month for this purpose. This was approved.

Items 7 and 8 of the Agenda.

The meeting took note of the Election Tribunal's Order III dated 16th August 1971 with regard to the proposed re-admission of Mr. M.A. Rizvi as a worker of the Swatantra Party and reviewed the entire case. Members present were unanimously

of the opinion that the manner in which Mr. Rizvi was sought to be readmitted as a worker of the Party was irregular. They further took note of the fact that the two members of the then Executive Committee viz: Mr. Ramesh Dave and Mr. Hiren Shah had protested against readmission of Mr. Rizvi, as also the fact that two of the Joint Secretaries, Mr. Mehmood Omer and Mr. S. Ramachandran had written to the President, Bombay Region, protesting Mr. Rizvi's readmission. Further, the then Vice-President Mr. Madhu Mehta had issued an order whereby Mr. Rizvi's readmission was kept in abeyance, which order was later confirmed by the then President.

In view of the above, the meeting ~~of~~ was of the unanimous opinion that Mr. Rizvi's antecedents, manner of his resignation, and his attitude since then went to show that he was not ~~the~~ a fit person for readmission as a worker of the Swatantra Party.

They, therefore, unanimously decided to recommend to the National Executive of the Swatantra Party under Article 4(e) of the Party's Constitution to reject Mr. Rizvi's application dated 22nd June 1971 for admission as a worker of the Party.

Item 9 of the Agenda:

With the permission of the Chairman, Shri. Shantilal Thar Joint Treasurer, presented a Statement of Estimated Expenses for the period of next 12 months. The estimate was approved.

Item 10 of the Agenda:

The financial position of the Party having been found not sound, it was decided that we should raise funds and it was decided that the treasurers may form a sub-committee for this purpose and consider ways and means to raise funds.

Item 11 of the Agenda:

The following two Resolutions were then put forth before the Committee for consideration:

1. Resolution from Mr. Madhu Mehta, President

" This meeting takes note of the

excellent services rendered by the Immediate Past President of Bombay Region, Shri. Lalchand Hirachand. The Party is especially appreciative of the fact that though he is an extremely busy man and preoccupied with his various industries, he still found time to associate actively with the Swatantra Party and gave to the Party his invaluable guidance.

This meeting directs the General Secretary to convey to him the text of this Resolution with a small request that he may continue to assist the Region with his invaluable advice".

2. Resolution from Smt. Sarla Datar, Joint Treasurer.

"As a result of the Party elections, there have been changes in the Office Bearers. It is, therefore, resolved that the Bank Accounts Nos. I, II, & III with the Union Bank of India be operated by the following persons:

Any one: out of the following office-bearers.

1. Shri. Madhu Mehta - President
2. Shri. Parmanand Kejriwal - Vice President
3. Smt. Manorama Dandekar - Vice President
4. Shri. F.C. Cama - General Secretary

& Any one: out of the following Treasurers:

1. Shri. Shantilal L. Thar - Treasurer
2. Smt. Sarla Datar - Treasurer

The Office Secretary should arrange to contact the Bank for doing the needful in the matter, it being noted that two signatures - one each from the above categories for drawing cheques, and the necessary forms etc. should be obtained for the signatures of the above office-bearers.

Both the Resolutions were unanimously passed.

Item 12 of the Agenda:

It was decided that the next meeting of the Executive Committee be held on 22nd October 1971.

Madhu Mehta
(Chairman)