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Suit against Swat. wind-up

307 MADRAS, July 29.
Five members of the Madras district Swatantra Party today filed before the city civil court a suit against the move of party leaders Piloo Mody, Madhu Mehta and M. Santhosham to dissolve the party.

The members further prayed for the issue of injunction restraining the party leaders from holding the proposed convention in New Delhi on August 4 and 5 or initiating any action at the meeting to dissolve the party.

One of the petitioners Mr. V. S. Srikumar Secretary of the Madras District Swatantra Party, in a separate complaint pleaded for interim injunction restraining the party's national leaders their agents or supporters or subordinates from acting contrary to the party constitution or in any manner seek to canvass or propagate the dissolution of the party pending the disposal of the suit.—UNI.

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Recent reports in the Press suggesting that there is an overwhelming desire on the part of members of the Swatantra Party, to dissolve the Party so as to enable the formation of a new political party, have been contradicted by the General Secretary of the Maharashtra State Unit of the Swatantra Party, Mr. Girish Munshi. In a statement released to the Press, Mr. Munshi said:

" The Maharashtra State Council of the Swatantra Party held a meeting on 6th July 1974 in Bombay specifically to consider the question of the Party's dissolution. At the end of a long discussion in the course of which Party leaders including Mr. Piloo Mody, MP and Mr. M.R. Masani participated, the Maharashtra State Council adopted a resolution opposing the dissolution of the Party. The resolution affirmed that even if a decision to dissolve the Party was taken at the National Convention, the Maharashtra State Swatantra Party would continue to function as the Swatantra Party in Maharashtra because the Party's principles and policies were in its view as relevant today as they were when they were first formulated".
