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Swatantra MLAs' writ admitted

MADRAS, February 11: Mr. Justice G. Ramanujam of the Madras high court today issued an interim order stating that members who were said to belong to the Swatantra Party in the Tamil Nadu legislature would continue to function as members of that party until further orders.

He gave the order while admitting a writ petition by the all-India Swatantra party president, Mr. G. K. Sundaram, and the party joint secretary, Mr. V. S. Srikumar, challenging the election commission's order granting recognition to the Bharatiya Lok Dal for allotting an election symbol.

The judge said the interim order would apply to all those members on whose behalf the petition had been filed.

Mr. Justice Ramanujam ordered the issue of notice to the respondents, namely, the chief election commissioner, the Union government and the BLD general secretary, Mr. Piloo Mody.

The petitioners contended that the election commission's order had deprived the Swatantra Party of its symbol for the elections. The commission had failed to see that there were rival factions of the Swatantra Party, some of them wanting a merger with the BLD and some opposing it.—U.N.I.

Claim for Inclusion of name in the electoral roll for a Graduates' Constituency.

To

The Electoral Registration Officer,
Graduates' Constituency.

Sir,

I request that my name be registered in the electoral roll for the _____
Graduates' Constituency. The particulars are :—

Name (in full) _____

Father's/Mother's/Husband's name (in full) _____

Qualification _____

Occupation _____

House address (Place of ordinary residence) _____

Age _____

2.°° I am a graduate of the _____ University having passed the degree/
diploma examination in the year _____

°° I am in possession of a diploma/certificate in _____ which is a
qualification equivalent to that of a graduate of a university in India having passed the examination
for the diploma/certificate in the year _____. In support of the above I submit
herewith _____

3.°° My name has not been included in the electoral roll for this or any other Graduates'
Constituency.

OR

°° My name has been included in electoral roll for the _____
Graduates' Constituency under the address given below and I request that it be deleted :-

4. I declare that I am a citizen of India and that all the particulars given above are true
to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Place : _____

Date : _____

Signature of claimant

Note :—Any person who makes a statement or declaration which is false and which he either knows or believes to be
false or does not believe to be true is punishable under section 31 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.