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Aney's Reported Move To Join Swatantra

NVAS WORKERS EXPRESS CONCERN

(By A Staff Reporter)

NAGPUR, March 10.—The report appearing in the newspapers about Dr. M S Aney's decision to join the Swatantra Party has been received with concern by some of the active workers of the NVAS in the city.

Scores of letters have been sent to Dr. M S Aney by the NVAS workers seeking clarification on this issue.

It may be mentioned here that the NVAS has in its ranks persons having diverse political views. The NVAS is a common political platform for those who ardently support the demand for a separate Vidarbha State.

Some of the active workers in the NVAS who have pronounced leftist leanings are expressing their anxiety that a

leader of Dr. Aney's eminence, who has all alone been guiding the Vidarbha movement, should align himself with the Swatantra Party. They describe the Swatantra Party as party of "vested interests" and hence the NVAS should have no truck with the Swatantra.

There is a consensus of opinion among the rank and file of the NVAS that the leaders should not join any party as the NVAS fought the elections solely on the issue of a separate State of Vidarbha.

Dr. M S Aney, who was elected on the NVAS ticket from Nagpur, it is felt by these workers, should sit as an Independent in the Lok Sabha as per the mandate of the electorate.

Dr. Aney left for Delhi this morning.