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The Parliamentary and Organisation Sub-Committee of the Swatantra Party met in Madras on April 18 and 19 with Professor H.C. Ranga in the chair. Shri C. Rajagopalachari, Shri Kankhya Narayan Singh, Shri S.K. D.Paliwal and Shri H.R. Masani were also present.

The Committee reviewed the position in various States and took various organisational decisions.

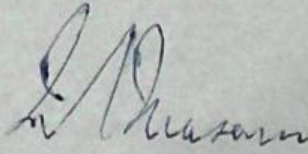
It was decided to depute someone to Bastar to investigate developments there and in particular the repression to which the Adivasi population was being subjected.

Shri Harihar Das was nominated the new President of the Orissa unit of the Party.

The Committee considered the situation arising as a result of the forcing of mid-term elections in Orissa by the ruling Party and heard the spokesmen of the Orissa unit of the Party. It was decided that the Party could not interest itself in the mid-term elections in view of the lack of time for facing the contest on a State-wide scale. The two members of the Party who are members of the present Orissa Legislative Assembly are, however, free to stand from their present seats or other seats of their choice.

No member of the Orissa unit should intervene as a candidate or otherwise in these elections to the prejudice of the Ganatantra Parishad and thus give an advantage to the ruling Party.

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(H. R. Masani)
General Secretary.