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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE
SWATANTRA PARTY IN THE LOK SABHA ON 22-12-59.

A meeting of the Members of the Swatantra Party in the Lok Sabha was held in Parliament House on 22nd December 1959 at 12.15 p.m.

Present:

Mr. M. S. Sughandhi
Mr. Prakash Vir Shastri
Mr. M. R. Masani
Mr. S. A. Martin
Mr. Mohamed Imam

Mr. Masani read to the meeting an extract from a letter he had received from Professor Ranga explaining his inability to return to Delhi from Andhra and to be present at the meeting.

Mr. Masani also read a resolution adopted by the General Council of the Party at Hyderabad on December 9. It was proposed in accordance with the resolution to form a group of the Swatantra Party in the House and to write to the Speaker requesting recognition. It was decided unanimously that the group should be formed, and it should function from the first day of the next session in February 1960.

The following office bearers were appointed:

Leader	:	Professor N. G. Ranga
Deputy Leader:		Mr. M. R. Masani
Secretary	:	Mr. Mohamed Imam
Whip	:	Mr. S. A. Martin.

Mr. Masani then read to the meeting the draft letter to be addressed to the Speaker which was approved.

Mr. Masani was requested to see the Lok Sabha authorities for Mr. Imam's seat to be shifted from the present seat to one occupied by the other members of the group.

A letter received by Mr. Masani from Mr. G.L.Nanda inviting him to join an informal committee of Members of Parliament to consider questions relating to planning was then placed before the meeting. It was agreed that, in accordance with the decision taken at Hyderabad, Mr. Masani might accept the invitation while making the position of the Party clear. Mr. Masani said he would reply to the letter after consulting Rajaji and Professor Ranga.