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SWATANTRA PARTY GENERAL COUNCIL

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Proposals by the State Council of the Andhra Unit of the Swatantra Party (at its meeting on March 29) for consideration by the General Council.

INTRODUCTION:

It is proposed by the State Council of the Andhra Pradesh Swatantra Party that the following proposals be placed before the General Council of the Central Party for adoption and inscription in their socio economical programme to be evolved by the party.

1. LAND REFORMS: Our agrarian approach should be so oriented that the agricultural labourer, the tiller, the tenant and the small farmer should be given a new deal
2. The Principle of ceiling over landed property should also be extended to the urban property and incomes.
3. The parity should be maintained between the prices of agricultural and industrial commodities.
4. Minimum wages for the agricultural labour should be so fixed that it should always be according to the fluctuations of the cost of living.
5. In fixing of the prices of agricultural products the cost of cultivation should be kept in view, in order to keep up the prices within the reach of poor man, the Government should provide necessary subsidies to the agriculturist so that they may not be at loss.
6. Crop, cattle and fire insurance should be introduced.

INDUSTRIAL LABOUR:

1. Legislative measures for the maintenance of the industrial relations.
2. Strict enforcement of minimum wages act.
3. Workers participation on the management of the industries.

SOCIAL WELFARE:

1. Oldage pensions for all the poor.
2. Banning of beggary by opening rehabilitation centres for all the disabled and physically handicapped, and providing work for the abled.
3. A new deal to Harijans, Girijans and other backward classes. There should be a preferential treatment extended to these classes giving assignment of banjar land house sites, drinking water wells, protected water supply schemes, credit facilities, subsidies for the cultivation and development of banjar lands assigned to these classes. Free finance assistances for construction of houses. Liberal loans or such other financial assistance for promoting handicrafts and other industrial enterprises among artisans and to establish separate financial institution for that purpose.

WEAVERS:

1. Actual worker weaver should have a new deal. Liberal loan should be granted for these weavers through the Nationalised Banks in order to save them from the exploitation of the master weavers.
2. Marketing facilities of the products of these weavers without any interference of the middle man should be provided by the Government.

BACKWARD AREAS: Every effort should be made to bring backward areas in the country on par with the developed areas and the famine should be eradicated within a limited period.

DISPARITIES: Economic disparities must be brought down so as to bring down the differences in incomes to the ratio of 1:10.

BANKS: All the Foreign and rest of Commercial banks should be immediately socialised and the deposits of these banks should be utilised for the development of rural areas and weaker section in the country.