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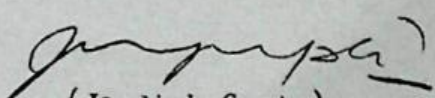
Mr. C.C. Desai, Mr. Dahyabhai Patel, Mr. Lokanath Misra and Mr. K.M. Koushik, Swatantra Members of Parliament have issued the following statement to the Press on the strike of the supervisory staff of the State Bank of India:

"The Swatantra Party has never favoured resort to strikes by employees as means of having their demands, howsoever genuine, conceded by the management. Therefore, we do not approve of the strike by the supervisory staff of the State Bank of India. The present strike has made itself felt in the sphere of commerce, industry and trade and has paralysed business activity. The strike by the supervisory staff of the State Bank should be viewed more seriously because of the great harm that would result therefrom to the country's economy. That the Government functioning has also been affected is clear from the remedial measures which the UF Government in Punjab has been forced to take.

"To-day the strike has entered the ninth day. Unfortunately, the leaders of the striking union have been unable so far to get even an audience with the Deputy Prime Minister and other central ministers simply because the Congress ministers are busy in resolving their domestic disputes and party wrangles. Congress solution of Telengana and Congress choice of a presidential candidate are taking so much of their time and energy that other problems of national importance, which are liable to have serious economic repercussions, are being completely neglected.

"It is, therefore, time that the Government takes a hard look at the situation and takes an early decision in the matter so that the economy once again starts functioning normally, with justice to the employees of the State Bank of India.

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BEARERS OF TRADE UNION INDISCRIMINATELY CHARGESHEETED AND
SUSPENDED IN BOMBAY FOR PEACEFUL TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES STOP
LETTERS OF APOLOGY TENDERED BY WORKERS AND THE ASSOCIATION IGNORED
BY CHAIRMAN OF THE BANK STOP ALL SUPERVISING OFFICIALS ON
INDEFINITE STRIKE FROM MONDAY 16TH JUNE TO DEFEND TRADE UNION
RIGHTS AND TO PROTECT VICTIMISED FELLOW WORKERS FROM REPRESSION AND
DISMISSAL STOP ALL BANKING AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AT
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