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Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the National Executive Held At
Kalki Buildings, Madras, on Thursday, 12th April, 1973

Present :

Mr. Piloo Mody, President .. in the Chair
Rajmata Gayatri Devi
Mr. G. Latchanna
Sardar Harbhajan Singh
Mr. N. Dandekar
Mr. H. M. Patel
Mr. G. K. Sunderam
Mr. M. N. Amersey
Mr. R. Y. Ghorpade
Mr. D. N. Patodia
Mr. G. B. Sukhee
Dr. M. Santosham
Mr. M. R. Arya
Mr. Buddhi Prakash
Mr. H. K. Ganapaiah
Mr. T. Tripathy
Mr. Y. G. Gowd
Mrs. Louella Lobo Prabhu
Mr. K. D. R. Pandey
Miss Kusum Kumari Joshi
Dr. H. V. Hande
Mr. P. K. Deo
Mr. Gurucharan Tikayat
Mr. Harikrishna Srivastava
Mr. Madhu Mehta

By Special Invitation

Mr. C. R. Narsimhan
Mr. Dahyabhai Patel
Mr. J. M. Lobo Prabhu
Mr. T. Sadasivam

I Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting of the National Executive held in New Delhi on February 18 and 19, 1973 were then taken up for confirmation. A letter received from Mr. Ghasiram Majhi, General Secretary of the Orissa Unit, drawing attention to certain minor errors in the Minutes relating to Orissa matters were considered. The President then confirmed the Minutes, subject to the following corrections as suggested by Mr. Majhi.

- a. Item 3, Paras 4 & 5, Page 3 : For the word 'State Council', wherever it occurs, substitute the word 'State Executive'
- b. Page 4 (Disciplinary action) : Serial No. 9. for 'Mr. A.N. Singh Deo', substitute 'Mr. P.N. Singh Deo' "

II. Orissa Situation

The situation obtaining in Orissa as a result of the dissolution of the Assembly by the Governor and the formation of the Pragati Party was discussed. The President, Mr. Piloo Mody, pointed out that the National Executive had at its meeting in New Delhi on February 18, clearly stated in its Resolution that the Orissa Unit's collaboration with other groups "should be confined strictly to their functioning in the Legislature" and did not "commit the Party to any similar collaboration outside."

Soon thereafter the Legislature was dissolved.

When news reports of this appeared, the President invited Mr. R.N. Singh Deo to Delhi. After discussions, in which apart from Mr. Piloo Mody and Mr. R.N. Singh Deo, Mr. M.N. Amersey and Mr. P.K. Deo were also present, certain decisions were taken and recorded in a Note signed by Mr. Piloo Mody, Mr. R.N. Singh Deo, Mr. P.K. Deo and Mr. Amersey. The text of the recorded note is attached. (Annexure A)

Mr. Mody clarified that the Central leadership had resisted pressures from our erstwhile partners in the Assembly to join as full members of a new Party.

The Orissa State leadership had agreed to join as a constituent of a United Front arrangement whether it be with the Utkal Congress or whether they choose to call themselves the Pragati Party. In other words, the Orissa Swatantra Party, while retaining its organisation and identity, was allowed to participate in the United Front.

Mr. M. N. Amersey also reported on his visit to Orissa and his meeting with the State Council. As a result of his visit, the attached Resolution on this subject was adopted by the State Council (Annexure B).

Mr. Tribikram Tripathy pointed out that certain public meetings organised in his district of Sambalpur which were addressed by the Pragati Party leaders and in which our own Party's leaders spoke, our Party flag was not allowed to be displayed. He expressed his concern over this fact and wanted that clear instructions be issued in regard to this matter.

Mr. P.K. Deo, the State President, reassured the Executive that under no circumstances would the Party's identity be allowed to be submerged and said that whenever such instances were brought to his notice, he would ensure that matters were set right.

III. National Convention

The Executive then considered the programme before the 6th National Convention on the 14th and 15th of April. The attached programme was approved (Annexure C).

Dr. Santosham outlined the various arrangements made by the Convention Organising Committee.

IV. RESOLUTIONS FOR CONVENTION

The Executive then went on to consider several draft resolutions, some of which had been given notice of by members and others, which the National Executive would sponsor.

The Resolution on the current political situation prepared by Mrs. Louella Lobo Prabhu at the request of the National Headquarters was considered. Since the resolution was more in the form of a detailed note on the political situation, the Executive decided that the contents would be used in the various resolutions that would be drafted for the General Council's consideration the following day.

Similarly it was decided that Mr. E.M. Patel, Mr. Lobo Prabhu and Mr. D. N. Patodia would sit together and divide the detailed note on the economic situation and the resolutions prepared by Mr. Lobo Prabhu into a number of smaller resolutions.

The contents of a draft resolution on the economic situation prepared by Mr. N.K. Ganapaiah would also be considered by the 3-man drafting group.

The Executive considered several other non-official resolutions given notice of by delegates and decided to request them not to press their resolutions.

The following resolutions were recommended for adoption by the General Council:

1. Election Strategy
2. Inter-State River Waters
3. Aligarh Muslim and Benaras Hindu Universities
4. International Relations.

The meeting then terminated.

C O P Y

At a meeting held in New Delhi on March the 6th and 7th, 1973, where Mr. Piloo Mody, Mr. Manubhai Amersey, Mr. P.K. Deo and Mr. R.N. Singh Deo were present, it was decided :

1. That the Swatantra Party will fight the Orissa Mid-Term Elections 1973-74 on its own symbol, flag, policies and programmes with an additional "programme for action" with other units with whom they wish to cooperate.
2. Guidelines for the allocation of the seats :
 - (a) The seat is to be considered as belonging to the Party and not to the candidate.
 - (b) Therefore the seats should be allocated to the parties on the basis of 1971 elections.
 - (c) Among the seats, exchange may be permitted on the basis of seat for seat .
 - (d) Hard bargaining must take place to get maximum seats for the Swatantra Party from those that were won by neither of the constituent units.
 - (e) Thereafter more exchanges can take place.

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Piloo Mody	Manubhai Amersey	P.K. Deo	R. N. Singh Deo

March 7 , 1973

ANNEXURE B

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE STATE EXECUTIVE OF ORISSA
UNIT AT ITS MEETING IN BHUBANESHWAR ON MARCH 16, 1973.

This meeting of the State Executive of the Swatantra Party Orissa, having considered the situation arising from the dissolution of the State Assembly resolves :

(a) That the action of the Governor of Orissa, the Central Government and the President of India in dissolving the Orissa Legislative Assembly and in imposing President's Rule in the State is partisan, undemocratic, unjust and unconstitutional which this meeting severely condemns.

(b) The Executive calls upon the workers of the Party to rouse public opinion against this undemocratic action of the Central authorities and calls upon the people to boycott Shri Jati, the Governor in all manner and demand his recall from Orissa.

(c) The State Executive endorses the Central guide lines for the functioning of the Orissa Unit as a Constituent of the Orissa Pragati Party for the ensuing election on the basis of a common programme, while keeping its separate identity, flag, principles and symbol.

The Central Swatantra Party guidelines are as follows :

"That the Swatantra Party will fight the Orissa Mid-term election 1973-74 on its own symbol, flag, policies and programmes with an additional "programme for action" with other units with whom they wish to cooperate. "

S W A T A N T R A P A R T Y
SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, MADRAS

Friday: April 13, 1973

GENERAL COUNCIL

10.00 A.M.

At Dasaprakash Hotel Hall

Consideration of Amendments to the Constitution.

1.00 P.M.

Lunch at Dasaprakash Hotel

3.00 P.M.

Draft Resolutions

6.30 P.M.

Council Meeting concludes

Saturday: April 14, 1973

8.30 A.M.

Registration of Delegates
(Issue of Delegates Cards and papers)
Breakfast at Rajaji Nagar

10.15 A.M.

Flag Hoisting by Party President -
Mr. Piloo Mody

Delegates Session (Sixth National Convention)

10.30 A.M.

Amendments to the Constitution

1.30 P.M.

Lunch at Rajaji Nagar

Inaugural Session (Sixth National Convention)

4.00 P.M.

Commencement with Prayer

to

Welcome Address by Mr. G.K. Sundaram,
Chairman, Reception Committee.

7.00 P.M.

- Inaugural Address:

Mr. M.R. Masani

- Presidential Address:

Mr. Piloo Mody

- Release of Souvenir

Rajmata Gayatri Devi

- Current Economic Perspectives

address by Mr. N. Dandekar

8.00 P.M.

Dinner at Rajaji Nagar

9.30 P.M.

Drama - "Satya Darshanam"
staged by Mr. S.V. Sahasranaman at
Rajaji Nagar

Sunday: April 15, 1973

(Open Session - Sixth National Convention)

8.30 A.M.

Breakfast at Rajaji Nagar

10.00 A.M.

Presentation and discussion of General
Secretary's Report -- Mr. Madhu Mehta

to

11.30 A.M.

11.30 A.M.

Discussion of Mr. Piloo Mody's Draft
"Swatantra Restated".

to

1.30 P.M.

LUNCH AT RAJAJI NAGAR

3.00 P.M.

Draft Resolutions

6.30 P.M.

Vote of Thanks: Dr. H.V. Hande

7.00 P.M.

Winding up of deliberations by President -
Mr. Piloo Mody

- National Anthem

- Convention concludes.

7.00 P.M.

Public Meeting: at Marina Beach

9.30 P.M.

Bharata Natyam - by Kumari Vidya
at Rajaji Nagar.