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The General Secretary
Maharashtra Swatantra Party
143 Mahatma Gandhi Road
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Dear Friend,

We the members of the Swatantra Party wish to draw your attention to the following for attention and necessary action:

You are aware that when the Party was founded in August 1959, the party's founders led by the late Shri C. Rajagopalachari secured the adoption by the Party's Preparatory Convention held in Bombay on August 1 and 2, 1959 of the Statement of Principles of the Swatantra Party and which have been incorporated in the Party's Constitution adopted at the First National Convention of the Party held in Patna. It is clear that the Swatantra Party's basic objective is the promotion of these principles. From this it follows that office bearers of the Maharashtra Swatantra Party are holding the properties belonging to the Party as Trustees under obligations in the nature of Trusts on behalf of the Maharashtra Swatantra Party. We therefore maintain unequivocally that the properties including the office premises are to be utilised only in furtherance of these principles.

You are also aware that on 16th June 1974 Shri Piloo Mody, the President of the Swatantra Party at the national level has expressed in his letter of that date that the Party should merge in a new party and should not be "ideologically based" but "programme Based". It is clear that the new party (which is now part of Janata) did not abide by the principles set down by the National Convention with the blessings of Rajaji and which are part of the party constitution.

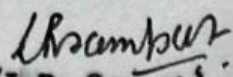
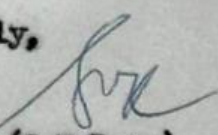
As stated above the properties and assets of the Maharashtra Swatantra Party are held under the above obligations and we cannot allow the properties and assets held by the office bearers as Trustees to be utilised for any activity which does not comprise these principles.

In the circumstances and in order to ensure that the properties and assets of the Party are not misused in any manner, a Trust should be set up as mentioned by Mr. Raju (who has also signed this letter) in his letter to you of December 11.

We look forward to your reply,

Yours sincerely,


(K.H. Subramaniam)

 
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