

All-India Swatantra Party

Bombay:
2nd January 1975.

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The Chief Election Commissioner
~~Minister of Home Affairs~~
Election Commission Office
New Delhi 1

Dear Sir:

We have to inform you that the General Council of the Swatantra Party met in Madras on 8th December 1974 in which Mr. G-K-Sundaram was elected as President and the undersigned as the General Secretary. A text of the various Resolutions adopted at the meeting is enclosed herewith. Kindly note that the Swatantra Party continues to function and that any matter relating to the Swatantra Party may kindly be addressed to either to the undersigned at the above address or to the President, Swatantra Party, National Headquarters, 26 Halls Road Egmore, Madras 600008 where our National Headquarters have now been shifted in pursuance of the General Council's resolution.

Incidentally, we have seen a press report in today's papers regarding a meeting that the BLD representatives had with you when they have put forward their proposal for a symbol which includes the "STAR" as a part of their symbol.

The "STAR" has been allotted to the Swatantra Party for its exclusive use and has been its symbol since the elections of 1962. It is totally unwarranted and unjustified for anyone, else to claim its symbol on one hand and for the Election Commission to consider it on the other.

However, we note from the ~~xxxxxx~~ press report that a decision on the matter has been stayed pending disposal of the objection by the BLD. You may consider this letter as our objection to the inclusion of the STAR in the BLD's proposal. However, before a final decision is taken, we expect the Election Commission to give us a hearing. May we mention in this connection that if any attempt is made to allot the STAR to any other party, we shall be regretfully compelled to take legal steps to secure justice.

In this connection we have today sent you a telegram reading as under:

"From today's press reports we understand meeting held with BLD representatives to assign symbol but decision stayed because of objection from BKD stop we strongly protest against BLD desire to include STAR as part of their symbol stop. STAR is allotted to Swatantra Party stop letter explaining our position posted today."

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

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