

General Secretary,

All-India

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7th January 75

Dear Mr. Srikumar:

I enclose herewith copies of letters we wrote to Election Commission previously:

1. first letter dated 23rd Aug. 1974.
2. second letter dated Sept. 11, 1974 (You will have a copy of Pilon Mody's letter of 1.9.74 which he circulated to all State Council members and State Units)
3. Election Commission's letter to us dated ~~xxx~~ 30th Spt. 74.

This correspondence will be useful to you when the case is taken up with Election Commission.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

P. Narayan
for Mr. Girish Manohar

Elect. Com.

Enc: 3.

Shri. V.S. Srikumar
Jt. Secretary
Swatantra party, NUC, Madras.

cc: Mr. Sundaram, Coimbatore.

Swatantra Party, Maharashtra

Sept. 11, 1974

Shri. K. Ganeshan
Under Secretary (Legal)
Election Commission of India
Nirvachan Sadan
Ashoka Road
New Delhi.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Piloo Mody, MP has been kind enough to send us a copy of his letter to you dated 1st September 1974 in reply to yours No. 56/25/74/4272 dated August 30, 1974 regarding the symbol of the Swatantra Party.

As you may be aware, the Tanil Hadu Swatantra Party has taken a position similar to that taken by us. We are presently in consultation with them.

Meanwhile, this is to request you not to take any action till you hear from us again in this regard.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

sdd... Parmenand Kejriwal

Vice-President

Swatantra Party, Maharashtra

143 Mahatma Gandhi Road
Bombay 1

August 23, 1974

The Chief Election Commissioner
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Dear Sir:

You must have seen in the papers reports of a decision by the National Convention of the Swatantra Party authorising the President of the Party in consultation with the National Executive to dissolve the Party.

The Swatantra Party in Maharashtra has by a decision of its State Council, which is the highest decision making body of the Party in the State, decided to continue to function even in the event of a dissolution of the Party at the Centre. The text of the Resolution that was adopted by the State Council at its meeting on 6th July is attached.

The symbol of the Party, namely the "Star", belongs as much to the Maharashtra State Swatantra Party as it does to the Party in other States and the National Headquarters. In view of our decision to continue to function as the Swatantra Party in Maharashtra, will you kindly note that we shall continue to adhere to our symbol the "Star".

Any communication you may receive from the National Headquarters requesting the freezing the symbol is not applicable in so far as the Swatantra Party in Maharashtra is concerned and may please therefore not be entertained by the Commission.

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" This meeting of the State Council of the Swatantra Party, Maharashtra, has carefully considered the proposal placed before it that the Swatantra Party be dissolved along with the similar dissolution of six other parties so as to facilitate the formation of a new Party.

The State Council notes that of the seven parties that are expected to dissolve to enable the formation of the new Party, Swatantra Party is the only National Party, the others being confined to particular States or parts of a State.

The State Council is firmly convinced that the Party's principles and policies continue to be valid and that had the policies of Government been formulated on the basis of the said principles, our country would not be in the present critical situation.

The Council is equally convinced that the new Party will mark no advance in the search for a truly national alternative comprising as it does those who, though for the present have consented to get together on a general programme are bound to disagree in regard to the interpretation of a vague and general statement of policy.

Moreover, with opposition parties like the Congress(O) and the Jan Sangh continuing their individual existence, the objective of a two-party system and its electoral benefits will continue to elude us. On the other hand, there is real danger of the ruling Congress on the one side and the Jan Sangh on the other being the direct beneficiaries of such a development.

The State Council of the Swatantra Party, Maharashtra, does not consider the time or occasion opportune for the disappearance of the Swatantra Party from the Indian political scene, and is, therefore, opposed to the proposal to dissolve the Party.

The Maharashtra State Council therefore requests the office-bearers of the Party to convene another meeting of the General Council on the eve of the National Convention to enable this matter to be reviewed once again before it is brought up at the Convention.

In the event of a resolution to dissolve the Party being carried in the National Convention, the Maharashtra State Swatantra Party will continue to retain its identity as Swatantra Party and carry on the message and flag of the Party."

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