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All-India Swatantra Party

31st December 1974.

The Election Commissioner
New Delhi 1

Dear Sir:

Mr. Harihar Patel, Vice-President of the All-India Swatantra Party and the President of the Orissa State Unit of the Party, informs me that Mr. P.K. Deo has been inaccurately representing to the members of the Orissa Vidhan Sabha (MLAs) who belong to the Swatantra Party that the Swatantra Party has ceased to exist or that the Swatantra Party has merged with BLD. Mr. P.K. Deo or someone on his behalf has been collecting signatures of those MLAs to the effect that they have joined the BLD after creating such misimpression.

Mr. Harihar Patel also informs me that it is his impression that MLAs would not have given their signature without such representation having been made to them and such impressions having been created in their minds by Mr. P.K. Deo.

I am also informed that Mr. Deo or someone on his behalf has written a letter to you informing you about the alleged decision of the MLAs of the Swatantra Party to join BLD.

I have to inform you that the Swatantra Party has not ceased to exist and/or has not been merged with the BLD but continues to function and has, at its general Council meeting held at Madras on 8th December 1974 elected its new National Executive with Mr. G.K. Sundaram as the President, Messrs Parmanand Kejriwal and Harihar Patel as the Vice-Presidents and me as the General Secretary. I enclose herewith a copy of the various Resolutions passed at the General Council meeting for your ready information and record.

Before you take any decision in the matter of the letter of Mr. P.K. Deo, I have to request you to issue a notice to me as the General Secretary of the All-India Swatantra Party in order to enable the Swatantra Party to make a suitable representation to you in the matter.

As postal deliveries are considerably delayed these days, sufficient notice of the meeting may be given.

It may please be noted that the National Headquarters of the Swatantra Party have been shifted to : 26 Halls Road, Egmore, Madras 8 with Mr. V.S. Srikumar, Joint Secretary as the incharge of the National Headquarters.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully
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Girish Munshi
General Secretary.

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