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SECRETARIAT OF
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To

Mr. Girish Munshi
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SubJ Swatantra Party - Merger of into the Bharatiya
Lok Dal.

Sir:

With reference to your telegram dated 2 January 1975 received in the Secretariat of the Election Commission on 3 January 1975 and letters dated 31 December 1974 and 2 January 1975 both received on 6 January 1975 on the above subject, I am directed to say that the Commission, by its order dated 3 January 1975 has already given its decision in terms of paragraph 16 of the Elections Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) order 1968 that the Swatantra Party, the Bharatiya Kranti Dal and the Utkal Congress have all merged to form a new party under the name and style of "Bharatiya Lok Dal" and has recognised that party as a National Party for the purposes of the said symbol order. Subject to the allotment and reservation of a symbol for the Bharatiya Lok Dal, the Commission has further decided that the symbols "STAR", "Haldhar" and "Water Wheel and plough" reserved earlier for the Swatantra Party, Bharatiya Kranti Dal and the Utkal Congress shall be frozen and further that in order to avoid any possible confusion in the minds of the electorate, no political organisation or association seeking registration with the Commission as a political party under the symbols order should be registered with the same name or a name similar to that of the Swatantra Party, Bharatiya Kranti Dal or the Utkal Congress.

Yours faithfully

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K. Ganesan

Under Secretary (Legal)