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Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the State Council
of the Swatantra Party, Maharashtra held on Sunday July 30, 1989.

Present

Mr. J. Venkiteswaran
Mr. L.R. Sampat
Mr. P.N. Subramanian
Mr. S.V. Raju
Mr. K.H. Subramaniam
Mr. K.B. Panday
Mr. Ravi Dandekar
Mr. R. Ramakrishnan
Mr. Dhiraj Shah
Mrs. T. D'Souza

- in the chair

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The Election Commission of India is concerned with the conduct of elections and can have no locus standi whatsoever in the formation and functioning of political parties.

It is also stipulated that to be eligible for registration a political party must swear by socialism, secularism, and democracy and swear loyalty to the Constitution and to the integrity of India.

The Swatantra Party, Maharashtra is second to none in its loyalty to the Constitution of India as adopted in 1950. The Swatantra Party, Maharashtra fervently believes in democracy. "

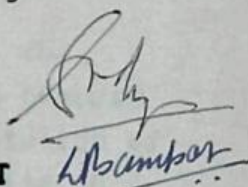
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This special meeting of the State Council of the Swatantra Party, Maharashtra authorises its President to write to the Election Commission of India without prejudice to the Party's right to question the validity of the law requiring registration of political parties".

Moved by : S.V.RAJU

Seconded by : L.R.SAMPAT

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The first signature, for S.V. Raju, is written in dark ink and is positioned above the signature of L.R. Sampat. The second signature, for L.R. Sampat, is also in dark ink and is positioned below the first signature. Both signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.

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