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Minutes of the meeting of Swatantra Party workers held on Thursday February 10, 1977 at the Party Office, 143, M.G. Road, Bombay-1.

A meeting of Swatantra Party workers was held at the Party Office on Thursday February 10, 1977 at 6 p.m. with the President of the Maharashtra Unit Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal in the chair.

The Chairman of the Swatantra Party, Maharashtra, conveyed the decision of the Party's National Executive to support the Janata Party in the forthcoming General Elections to the Lok Sabha.

After discussion the meeting unanimously endorsed the decision of the National Executive to offer whole-hearted service and cooperation to the Janata Party.

In this connection the General Secretary Mr. Girish Munshi pointed out that as of now no official communication had been received from the Janata Party in response to our offer of cooperation. Nevertheless he felt that we should not stand on formalities but go ahead since a strong national alternative has always been a goal of the Swatantra Party. This view of the General Secretary was unanimously endorsed.

In regard to the manner of cooperation it was decided that as a first step the Party should nominate a Parliamentary constituency Coordinator (PCC) for each Parliamentary constituency to --

- a) get in touch with all party members residing in the constituency so as to seek their cooperation in the party's offer to help the Janata Party candidate in that constituency. He was free to do so by nominating in turn similar persons at the Assembly constituency level. The precise manner in which this should be done was left to the Coordinators concerned.
- b) having established contact with as many members as possible and immediately after the candidate was announced and stood duly nominated the Parliamentary constituency Coordinator should approach the candidate and offer the Party's services without any preconditions and to place themselves at the disposal of the candidate for whatever work the candidate might wish our members to undertake.
- c) The State office of the Party would convey to the Janata Party office the names of those (listed below) who would be contacting the various candidates, with a copy to the candidates concerned.
- d) The following constituency Coordinators were nominated:

<u>Bombay South</u>	-	Mrs. Sosan Panday
<u>Bombay Central South</u>	-	To be nominated
<u>Bombay Central North</u>	-	Mr. K.H. Subramaniam
<u>Bombay North-West</u>	-	Mr. P.S. Koppiker
<u>Bombay North-East</u>	-	Mr. P.M. Shah
<u>Bombay North</u>	-	To be nominated

It was decided to hold a meeting of those present at this meeting plus the constituency Coordinators listed above next Thursday, February 17, 1977 at 6 p.m.

The meeting then terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair.