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General Secretary's Letter No. 317

Dear Friend,

Sub: Next National Convention of the Party

The National Convention of the Swatantra Party will be held on Sunday and Monday, August 4 and 5 in New Delhi at Sapru House, Barrakhamba Road.

The General Council of the Party which met in New Delhi on June 10 for the specific purpose of discussing whether it should recommend or not to the National Convention the dissolution of the Swatantra Party for the purpose of bringing about a new Party with an acceptable common programme, adopted the following Resolution unanimously:

"The General Council of the Swatantra Party met in Delhi and discussed the proposal of getting together with various parties with a view to creating a National Alternative. It also discussed the draft programme prepared by the leaders of the new group.

The members of the General Council generally agreed that the present political situation in the country demands that an all out effort should be made for the formation of a National Alternative with a well-defined and clearcut alternative capable of fulfilling the urges and aspirations of the people.

In this context, while it welcomes the attempts made by various parties to come together with a view to ultimately provide a National Alternative it feels that insofar as the Swatantra Party is concerned, the final decision can only be taken at the National Convention. This could give a fair opportunity to as many members as possible to study the proposed programme and carefully examine all the pros and cons of the proposal. The General Council therefore has decided that a copy of the draft programme should be circulated to all the members of all the State Councils.

The General Council also authorises the President to fix the date and venue of the National Convention at the earliest, after giving due notice".

Acting upon this Resolution, this Convention has been specifically called to discuss the getting together of various democratic opposition parties with a view to creating a National Alternative. This Convention could give the delegation a fair opportunity to study the proposed programme of the new Party and examine all the pros and cons of the proposal.

The quota of delegates is fixed on the enrolment figures in your State as on September 30, 1973.

Considering the resource position of the Party and the fact that the Convention will have to be held within the premises of a Hall and not on an open ground or shamiana the ratio of delegates has been fixed by the National Executive at --

1 delegate for every 100 Workers/Life Workers of the Party

Your membership as on 30th September 1973, stands at 2063. You are therefore entitled to a quota of 21 delegates.

Each delegate will have full participation rights. The delegates' fee has been fixed at Rs 10/- per delegate which will be collected by the National Headquarters Camp Office in New Delhi on the eve of the Convention.

A detailed Circular giving physical arrangements, programme and agenda of the Convention will be issued shortly. Meanwhile, this Circular is sent to you to enable you to select your delegates early.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Madhu Mehta

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Vice President

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