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The Chief Election Commissioner,
Election Commission of India,
New Delhi

Dear Sir:

You must have seen in the papers reports of a decision by the National Convention of the Swatantra Party authorising the President of the Party in consultation with the National Executive to dissolve the Party.

The Swatantra Party in Maharashtra has by a decision of its State Council, which is the highest decision making body of the Party in the State, decided to continue to function even in the event of the dissolution of the Party at the Centre. The text of the Resolution that was adopted by the State Council at its meeting on 6th July is attached.

The symbol of the Party, namely the "Star", belongs as much to the Maharashtra State Swatantra Party as it does to the Party in other States and the National Headquarters. In view of our decision to continue to function as the Swatantra Party in Maharashtra, will you kindly note that we shall continue to adhere to our symbol the "Star"

Any communication you may receive from the National Headquarters requesting the freezing of the symbol is not applicable in so far as the Swatantra Party in Maharashtra is concerned and may please therefore not be entertained by the Commission.

Yours truly,

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(Girish K. Munshi)

GENERAL SECRETARY