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National Executive Circular No. 120

Dear Friend,

The General Council which met in Delhi on June 9 and 10, 1974 for the specific purpose of discussing the merger issue, adopted a unanimous Resolution (copy enclosed) welcoming the efforts made by the various Parties for a merger with a view to ultimately providing a National Alternative. However, the Council felt that it was necessary for the Swatantra Party to refer the matter for a final decision to a National Convention which alone was competent to decide on such crucial issues.

It was suggested that the Convention be called at the earliest. Under Clause 16 of the Constitution, the National Executive is empowered to decide on the appropriate strength of delegates to be sent from each State to the Convention. In the last Convention, the National Executive fixed the ratio of one delegate for every ten members with a maximum of 200 members.

On this occasion it was felt that, considering the resources position of the party we should ask for a delegation of one member for every 100 members, as the Convention would necessarily have to be held within the premises of a Hall and not on an open ground in a Shamiana, providing accommodation for a limited number.

- * We would thus have a little over 700 members on the basis of membership as on September 1973 which, state-wise, was as per list attached.

- * With time at our disposal being very short, we are not in a position to call a special meeting to take a consensus of opinion on this point and would therefore like your reply accepting our suggestion by return on the enclosed self-addressed post card, which should reach us by the 30th inst., at the latest.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Madhu Mehta

(Madhu Mehta)
Vice President

Enc: as above

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SWATANTRA PARTY HEID AT VITHALBHAI PATEL HOUSE, NEW DELHI, ON JUNE 9/10, 1974

1. 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 in so far as the Swatantra Party is concerned the final decision can only be taken at a 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.

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2. The General Council of the Swatantra Party congratulates Shri Jayprakash Narayan on the courageous non-violent struggle he has launched with the enthusiastic support of the people and particularly Student community of Bihar.

The Swatantra Party is particularly gratified at the failure of efforts to provoke the silent non-violent participants into violence, and is for that reason confident of the successful culmination of this historic struggle against injustice. It should serve as a clear warning to the ruling Congress that the people are no longer prepared to remain silent with a government which is unable to give them a clean and honest administration.

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3. The General Council of Swatantra Party invites the attention of the Haryana Government to the arrest of Mr. Ramander Kalia son of Smt. Kamla Kalia, Joint Secretary, Swatantra Party, Haryana, without assigning any reasons from Delhi on 4th June 1974 and to make necessary inquiries without delay. There should be no room for doubts to arise that some political vendetta has been at work.
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STATEWISE REPRESENTATION
ON THE BASIS OF MEMBERSHIP AS ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1973

<u>STATE</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>REPRESENTATION</u>
ANDHRA	9,031	90
BIHAR	988	10
DELHI	3,060	31
GUJARAT	6,415	64
HARYANA	701	7
HIMACHAL	228	2
KASHMIR	361	4
KERALA	1,312	13
MADHYA PRADESH	43	
MAHARASHTRA	2,063	21
MYSORE	1,869	19
ORISSA	9,636	96
PUNJAB	315	3
RAJASTHAN	3,908	39
TAMIL NADU	7,643	76
TELENGANA	1,051	11
UTTAR PRADESH	20,934	209
WEST BENGAL	1,080	11
TOTAL	70,638	705