

April 7, 1970.

Minutes of the Meeting

A meeting of the Executive Committee of our Party was held in our Party Room at 12.30 p.m. on April 3, 1970. The following were present:

1. Prof. N.G. Ranga
2. Mr. M.R. Masani
3. Mr. Dattabhai V. Patel
4. Mr. Lokanath Misra
5. Mr. J. Mohd. Imam
6. Mr. D.H. Patodia
7. Mr. S.K. Tapuriah
8. Mr. D.N. Deb
9. Mr. Piloo Mody

The following members were requested to speak on items shown against their names:

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| 1. Petroleum & Chemicals | .. Mr. Viren Shah |
| 2. Industrial Development | .. Mr. D.H. Patodia |
| 3. Steel & Heavy Engg. | .. Mr. L.P. Singh Deo |
| 4. Education | .. Mr. L.K. Moushik |
| | .. Mr. D.N. Deb |
| 5. Labour & Employment | .. Mr. S. Xavier |
| 6. Defence | .. 1. Maharaja Dhrangdhra/
Prof. N.G. Ranga |
| | 2. Mr. P.L. Deo |
| 7. Social Welfare | .. Mr. D. Amat |
| | .. Mr. Meethalal Meena |
| 8. Food & Agriculture | .. Prof. R.E. Amin |
| | .. Mr. S.P. Ramamoorthy |
| 9. Health | .. Dr. K. Santosham |
| 10. Information & Broadcasting | .. Mr. N.K. Somani |
| 11. Shipping & Transport | .. Mr. N. Shivappa |
| 12. Tourism & Civil Aviation | .. Maharani Jaipur |

It was decided that while fixing speakers on other items chance should be given to all those M.Ps who have not spoken at all.

The Party took note of the recent move in regard to the impeachment of judges. The following resolution in this regard was passed by the Party:

"The Executive Committee of the Swatantra Party in Parliament expresses its indignation at the manner in which some leftist parties are trying to denigrate the judiciary. There seems to be a move to seek to impeach certain judges of the Supreme Court because of the Court's recent judgment in the Banks Nationalisation Case, thus trying to run down the judiciary. Such an objectionable initiative is highly derogatory to our judiciary which must be resisted in order to safeguard the independence of our judiciary which must be resisted in order to safeguard the independence of our judiciary and democratic institutions in the country, and we are confident that Parliament would defeat such a move."

The Leader informed the Committee about the letter which he had written to the Speaker seeking appointment of a Parliamentary Committee to go into the Burdwan incident where several people were mauled by an angry mob.

sd. D.N. Deb
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