

SWATANTRA PARLIAMENTARY PARTY

New Delhi

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Minutes of the Meeting:

A meeting of the General Body of the Swatantra Party in Parliament was held on Thursday, 19th February, 1970 in Room No.50, first floor, Parliament House, New Delhi. The following members were present :-

1. Prof. N.G.Ranga (In the Chair)
2. Mr. M.R. Masani
3. Mr. S.P. Ramamoorthy
4. Mr. N.K. Nanja Gowdar
5. Mr. Mohd. Imam
6. Mr. R.J. Amin
7. Prof. R.K. Amin
8. Raja Venketappa Naik
9. Mr. M.K. Mohta
10. Mr. K.M. Koushik
11. Prof. M. Ruthnaswamy
12. Mr. Piloo Mody
13. Mr. Dahyabhai Patel
14. Mr. D.N. Patodia
15. Mr. Sundermani Patel
16. Mr. Anirudha Dipa
17. Mr. B.N. Anthani
18. Mr. K.C. Panda
19. Mr. D.N. Deb
20. Mr. L. Amat
21. Mr. G.C. Naik
22. Mr. K. Sunderam
23. Mr. J.M. Lobo Prabhu
24. Mr. K.P. Singh Deo

The Leader of the Party, Professor N.G. Ranga, welcomed all members who had come to attend the forthcoming Session of Parliament. He requested Mr. Masani, the President of the Party to give a short report on the proceedings of the National Executive and the Central Parliamentary Board in Bombay a few days back.

Mr. Masani first of all drew attention to the Statement of Policy adopted by the Party, copies of which was circulated to members of the Parliamentary Group, and explained the implications of the decision. He also mentioned a letter received from Mr. George Fernandez, Secretary of the S.S.P., and the reply that had been sent to him.

Mr. Masani mentioned that it was proposed that Swatantra in Parliament be converted into a weekly bulletin which would more effectively tell its readers about the good work done by members of Parliament and be directed to a wider readership. He appealed to each member to cooperate in handing over to Mr. Piloo Mody, who had agreed to act as editor of the bulletin, any relevant contribution that he might have made.

In so far as the Central Parliamentary Board was concerned, Mr. Masani drew attention to certain decision that had been taken. He mentioned that there was a feeling in the Central Parliamentary Board that the attendance of our members in both Houses of Parliament and the maintenance of discipline had been lax during the past year and that there was need for tightening up the discipline of our Party and the more effective functioning of our Party Whip. He drew attention to a decision of the Central Parliamentary Board once again requesting members of our Party in Parliament and State Assemblies not to sign statements jointly with members of other parties and not to attend meetings or conferences of other parties without the prior permission of the Leader of the Party.

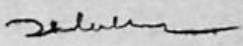
The Party decided to support adjournment motions tabled by several parties in Parliament concerning misuse of powers by Governors of Bihar and U.P., break down of constitutional machinery in West Bengal and certain statements made by the Prime Minister consequent upon the Supreme Court Judgment on the Bank Nationalisation casting aspirations on our judiciary.

The members were also informed of the decision taken by the Executive Committee regarding constitution of a sub-committee to draft the Party's amendment to the President's Address consisting of the following :-

1. Prof. N.G. Ranga
2. Mr. M.R. Masani
3. Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel
4. Mr. P.K. Deo
5. Mr. D.N. Patodia
6. Mr. J.M. Lobo Prabhu

In this regard, members were requested not to table individual amendments as a comprehensive amendment on behalf of the Party would be drafted by the sub-committee and tabled. They were requested to indicate to the sub-committee for consideration the subject on which they would like their amendment to be tabled.

The meeting adjourned with a Vote of thanks to the Chair.


D.N. Patodia,
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To

All Members