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NOTICE

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Swatantra Party, Bombay Region, will be held at the party office at the above address on Wednesday the 4th August, 1971 at 6.15 p.m You are cordially invited to attend the same.

The Agenda for the said meeting will be as under:

1. To confirm the minutes of the previous two meetings dated Monday the 28th June, 1971 and Wednesday the 14th July, 1971.
2. To consider matters arising out of the minutes;
3. To consider the note prepared by Shri R.V.Murthy on 'Rajamannaar Committee Report' (A copy enclosed herewith)
4. To consider any other matter with the consent of the Chair.

As this meeting may be the last meeting of the present Executive Committee, all the members are requested to be present without fail.

(K.S.Srinivasan)  
Office Secretary.



Draft minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of Swatantra Party,  
Bombay Region, held on Wednesday the 14th July, 1971

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Swatantra Party, Bombay Region was held at the Party office on Wednesday the 14th July, 1971, when the following members were present:

1. Shri Shri Lalchand Hirachand (Chairman)
2. Shri Adi Narain
3. Shri Ramesh Dave
4. Shri B.H.Ginwala
5. Shri P.S.Koppiker
6. Mrs.Sarla Datar
7. Shri R.V.Murthy
8. Shri Hiren Shah

1. At the outset the Rajamannar Committee report was taken up for discussion. Some members felt that since this document being a very controversial one, it should be studied thoroughly in all its aspects to help to take a decision. The General Secretary was asked to inform all the members of the Executive Committee that they should make it a point to be present at the future meeting when a full-dressed discussion would take place. In this connection, Mr.R.V.Murthy suggested that a lot of material was available in Swarajya, Financial Express etc. which would greatly help us to study the report. Mr.Murthy was asked to study the same and prepare a note on the subject, for circulation to the members of the Executive Committee to enable the members to discuss it at a subsequent meeting. The Office Secretary was asked to do the needful in the matter.

2. The General Secretary placed before the meeting a letter received from the President of Maharashtra Region, to reconsider the issue of Bombay-Maharashtra merger. As the Party elections had started, it was decided to refer this matter to the newly elected Executive Committee.

3. The resignation letter of K.S.Srinivasan, Office Secretary was placed before the meeting. It was decided to accept his resignation and relieve him by the end of the month to enable him to join the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan on a condition that he should be available after his office hours, if necessary to train up the new person. It was also decided that the Office bearers would decide about the payment of gratuity etc. for the 11 years of service rendered by him to the Party. In this connection, a discussion was held as to the person who should be appointed as Office Secretary. It was felt that the person whom we would appoint should know stenography and Marathi also so that no extra stenographer need be employed.

4. Mr.Hiren Shah raised a point that Mr.Mustafa Ali Rizvi, who was suspended from the Party for indiscipline and who had joined the Indicate Congress had applied for membership in the Party and the same should be rejected. In this connection, Mr.Adi Narain said that Shri Rizvi had not joined any party. Some members said that they have evidence of his joining the other Party. The General Secretary said that he was suspended for only one year and that period had already expired. In this connection, the Office Secretary was asked to produce all the relevant documents concerning his suspension etc. It was also decided to get a letter of request and a statement to the effect that he has not joined the Indicate Congress or any other political party. It was decided to consider this matter on receipt of the above.

5. A letter received from Dr.Shaikh withdrawing his resignation from the Party was placed before the meeting. In this connection, some members said that he had joined the Indicate. In this connection, the General Secretary said that he had received the letter of resignation from Dr.Shaikh sometime back and the same was placed before the meeting of the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee requested him to approach Dr.Shaikh and persuade him to withdraw his resignation. The General Secretary added that he had requested Mr.Pirzada of Mahim Unit to approach Dr.Shaikh and get a withdrawal letter. In this connection, it was decided to request Mr.P.M.Shah also to give his opinion in the matter.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair.

*Lalchand Hirachand*  
CHAIRMAN.

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Draft minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of Swatantra Party, Bombay Region, held on Monday the 28th June, 1971

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Swatantra Party, Bombay Region was held at the Party office on Monday the 28th June, 1971, when the following members were present:

1. Shri Lalchand Hirachand (Chairman)
2. Shri Parmanand Kejriwal
3. Shri Shantilal Thar
4. Shri Hiren Shah
5. Shri Ramesh Dave
6. Shri S. Ramachandran
7. Shri P.S. Koppiker
8. Shri J. Venkiteswaran
9. Shri Adi Narain
10. Shri R.V. Murthy.

Leave of absence was granted to Smt. Sarla Datar and Mr. Pramod Tejookaya.

1. The minutes of the two previous meetings 1) held on Wednesday the 19th May, 1971 and 2) of the Special Executive Committee meeting held on 9th June, 1971, were confirmed.

2. Party elections:

- a) It was decided to continue the status quo in regard to composition of Primary Unit Committees on the basis of Assembly constituency areas only.
- b) Regarding the appointment of Returning Officers for the various Districts, the General Secretary reported that he had contacted the following persons and that they have agreed to act as Returning Officers:

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| 1. Acharya S.R. Pendse | 2) Shri M.K. Damley      |
| 3) Shri F.C. Cama      | 4) Shri J. Venkiteswaran |
| 5. Shri P.M. Shah.     |                          |

He further reported that he would sit with them and decide on the District for which each one of them would act as Returning Officer.

- c) Regarding fixing the date for the receipt of nominations papers, withdrawal and also the conduct of elections, the General Secretary reported that he would consult the Returning Officers and decide accordingly.
- d) Regarding the fixing of the basis of representation for the Primary Units on the District Committee, it was decided to adopt the following ratio :

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| For the first 25 workers/Lifeworkers/Life members                                    | - 1 member  |
| from 26 workers/Life workers/Life members upto 50 workers/Life workers/Life members  | - 2 members |
| from 51 workers/Life workers/Life members upto 100 workers/Life workers/Life members | - 3 members |

In order to give encouragement to those units having more than 100 workers/Life workers/Life members, it was decided to give to such units a bonus of one representative on the District Committee. Thus the units which enrol more than 100 workers/Life workers/Life members viz. even if the unit enrol 101 workers/Life workers/Life members, it would be entitled to have 4 members on the District Committee. The Office was asked to inform the Central Office accordingly.

- e) Regarding the recommendation to the newly elected Regional Council, about the number of Office bearers and No. of members of the Executive Committee, it was decided not to make any recommendation and leave it to the newly elected Regional Council to decide the same.
  - f) Regarding the Election Tribunal, it was decided to recommend a "One Man Election Tribunal" to consider and decide on election disputes.
3. Under any other matter: Mr. S. Ramachandran suggested that the Regional Parliamentary Board should start processing recommendations from units regarding their selection of the Assembly candidates. He further said that the Matunga Unit had already decided about its choice viz. 1) Shri R.V. Murthy



2) Smt. Sharayu Daftary 3) Shri Madhu Mehta and 4) Smt. Sarla Datar have been suggested. The Office Secretary reported that no recommendation in writing have been received so far. Therefore the Matunga Unit was asked to send in their recommendations immediately. The General Secretary also reported that no such recommendation had been received from any other unit in Bombay. He was therefore requested to send reminders and also talk to the Presidents and Secretaries of the Units to immediately call the General Body Meetings of their workers and decide on their recommendations. It was decided to call the meeting of the Parliamentary Board as soon as some recommendations were received. In this connection, Mr. Hiren Shah pointed out that the report submitted by him and Mr. Venkiteswaran would give a guideline as to which of the units that could be taken for the forthcoming assembly elections.

4. Mr. J. Venkiteswaran pointed out that at the last meeting of the Regional Council, the Chairman had said that the Regional office was prepared to find the money for the units, but none of the units had come forward. In this connection, he said that the Matunga Unit had been submitting its report of its activities and they did not get subvention for the last 8 months. Mr. Adi Narain also said that the Santa Cruz Unit has submitted its reports but they could not get the subventions. The General Secretary reported that the Subvention to units were stopped during the mid-term elections and afterwards he was told by the Treasurers that there were not sufficient funds to pay subventions. Further he said that since the monies collected for the National Convention could not be touched, efforts should be made to collect funds. The Chairman said he would discuss this matter with the Treasurers and inform the Executive Committee.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair. *Lalchand*