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(Bombay Region)
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CHAIRMAN.
Sassoon Building,
143, Mahatma Gandhi Road,
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3rd September, 1970

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 9th September, 1970 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 meetings held on 19th August and 27th August, 1970
2. To consider matters arising out of the minutes;
3. To review the progress of the Fundamental Rights Front;
4. To finalise the details regarding the 'Shibir'
5. To allocate the work of the National Convention of the Party to be held in Bombay in the month of January;
6. To consider any other matter with the consent of the Chair.

(K.S.Srinivasan)
Office Secretary.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
SWATANTRA PARTY (BOMBAY REGION) HELD ON WEDNESDAY THE
19TH AUGUST 1970

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Swatantra Party, Bombay Region, was held at the Party office on Wednesday the 19th August, 1970, when the following members were present :

1. Shri Lalchand Hirachand (Chairman)	4/6
2. Shri Parmanand Kejriwal	3/6
3. Shri Shantilal Thar	4/6
4. Shri Madhu Mehta	5/6
5. Shri Shashikant Gavaskar	6/6
6. Shri S. Ramachandran	5/6
7. Shri Mehmood Omar	6/6
8. Shri J. Venkiteswaran	6/6
9. Shri Hiren Shah	6/6
10. Shri Adi Narain	6/6
11. Shri Pramod Tejookava	6/6
12. Shri Nana Chudasama	3/6
13. Smt. Sharavu Daftary (bv invitation)	
14. Shri P. M. Shah (bv invitation)	

The following members remained absent

1. Shri L. V. Murthy	2/6
2. Shri Arunkumar Guna	1/6
3. Dr. R. C. Cooper	2/6
4. Smt. Sarla Datar	1/6
5. Prof. P. J. Shroff	0/6
6. Shri Nariman D. Sahukar	1/6
7. Shri Sharadchandra Dhamankar	0/6
8. Shri Ramesh Dave	5/6
9. Shri N. M. Gandhi	0/6
10. Dr. Simon Fernandes	0/6
11. Smt. Molly Rodrigues	1/6
12. Shri Shafi Thanavala	0/6
13. Shri V. M. Astik	0/1
14. Shri Indukumar C. Thakkar	0/1

1. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th July, were confirmed.

2. Arising out of the minutes, Mr. Adi Narain wanted that the attendance of each member should be mentioned against his name to know how many of the members of the Executive Committee are regular in attending the meetings of the Executive Committee. The office secretary agreed to mention the same against the name of each member of the committee.

Regarding the National Convention of the Party, the General Secretary informed that the National Headquarters would inform the Bombay Regional office by the first week of September about the holding of the National Convention in Bombay this year. In this connection, the National Headquarters had already issued a circular to all the State/Regional Units to inform the National Headquarters, whether they would like to extend invitation for that National Convention to be held in their areas and if no invitation was received, before the end of the month, the National Headquarters would give a green signal to the Bombay Regional Office to organise the National Convention in Bombay.

3. Regarding the Youth Wing of the Party, Mr. J. Venkiteswaran wanted to know what steps were being taken to organise the Youth Wing. Shri Adi Narain informed that certain students from Santacruz and Andheri have joined the Party and they have promised to get more students from colleges so that a Youth Wing could be started. He informed the Chairman that he had already introduced them to Shri Nana Chudasama, who is in charge of the

Youth Wing. Shri Nana Chudasama who arrived when this discussion was, said that he had already informed the Committee that he would first take up the Fundamental Rights front and through it would activate the Youth Wing, as the student community, by and large were fed up with the dabbling of political parties in the Youth Movement of the country. Mr. J. Venkiteswaran wanted that the leaders of our Party should often address meetings of the college unions so that our point of view could be projected.

4. Regarding the Ladies Wing, Mrs. Daftary informed that she had called a meeting of the ladies on Thursday the 20th August and she would try to enlarge the activities of the Ladies Wing gradually. She felt that some guidelines in the matter would be helpful.

5. Regarding the Fundamental Rights Front, Shri Nana Chudasama informed that the designs for the badges were approved and printing is under way and the badges will be issued to the persons who have collected more than 20 signatures. In the meanwhile, Mr. Adi Narain wanted that the Convenor of the Fundamental Rights Front should acknowledge to those who have collected the signatures. He informed that the Santa Cruz Unit has already submitted a few signatures collected by some of their workers.

6. Regarding the Volunteer Corps a discussion was held. Mr. J. Venkiteswaran was of the view that there should not be a difference between the active workers of the Party and that of the volunteer corps. Mr. Hiren Shah wanted that the Party should give physical training to those people who are interested and form a volunteer core on the type of RSS. Mr. Hiren Shah was asked to give a note on the type of organisation that was required and asked to start a pilot project in Andheri. Smt. Daftary wanted that each worker of the Party should get five more workers for the Party to work as volunteers for the Party.

7. Regarding the Government take over of cotton trade Shri Hiren Shah wanted that over and above the resolutions of the National Executive the Party should write to the traders individually and Mr. Hiren Shah assured that he would get the list of addresses of the cotton traders. In this connection, Mr. Pramod Tejokava wanted that the Party should contact the various federations of shopkeepers and should invite them for a meeting. In this connection, the Chairman assured that if necessary he is even prepared to go to their places to meet them, and he requested the Secretaries to arrange for such meetings. On the issue of cotton trade, Mr. Hiren Shah informed that he has introduced Mr. K. B. Pandav, Joint Secretary of Swatantra Party, Maharashtra Region to the Cotton Traders' Association and they are likely to do something in the matter.

8. Regarding the names of people for attending the public speaking classes, the General Secretary reported that six people have already been selected and they will start attending the classes from next month. In this connection, Mr. Nana Chudasama wanted that workers who cannot pay to learn the art of speaking also should be selected to join the classes for Public Speaking. He was told that there was no discrimination and Unitwise names were selected for the first batch whose expenses are being arranged by Dr. R. C. Cooper.

9. Regarding the "Ration Hata" campaign, a discussion was held and it was felt that the government was likely to remove rationing shortly and something must be done by the Party. Mr. Nana Chudasama wanted that the Party should give an ultimatum to the Government giving a date by which ration should be removed and if the same is not removed the Party would extend the campaign to the whole of Bombay. Since such ultimatum had already been given by Jan Sangh, the General

Secretary felt something else should be done to focus the attention. He was asked to move in the matter.

In this connection, Mr. Madhu Mehta informed the members that he has arranged a meeting of the members of the Bombay Foodgrains Federation along with Mr. Himatsinghji at his office on Thursday the 20th August when efforts would be made to get the cooperation of the grain dealers in strengthening the campaign for the removal of rationing from the city of Bombay. At that time other issues of shopkeepers regarding permits required for selling various articles would also be taken up. He also informed that there was opposition to Mr. Devji Rattansev in the Grain Dealers association and the Party would be able to make inroads. The Chairman assured that he would be prepared to attend the meetings that would be organised among the grain dealers to step up the campaign for the abolition of rationing from the city of Bombay.

10. In order to organise the National Convention in a proper manner, it was decided to have the Shibir of Party workers sometime at the end of September, or in the first week of October for a period of two days. In this connection, the Matunga Unit agreed to organise the same and bear the expenses of the Shibir. It was also decided to invite the Maharashtra Party workers also, so that their help also could be taken in organising the National Convention in the city of Bombay. The Matunga Unit agreed to report back within a week about the availability of the hall etc. when necessary steps would be taken to invite leaders of the Party for the Convention.

11. Mr. Adi Narain wanted that the reports of Election Analysis prepared by Shri J. Venkiteswaran and Shri Hiren Shah should be circulated among the members of the Executive Committee for proper study and discussion. The office was asked to circulate the same and add the same in the Agenda of the special meeting of the Executive Committee to be held on Thursday the 27th August.

12. Regarding the Parliamentary Board it was unanimously decided that the Chairman be authorised to name it.

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

Lalchand Hirachand

BOMBAY:

CHAIRMAN:

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF SWATANTRA PARTY, BOMBAY REGION, HELD ON THURSDAY THE
27th AUGUST 1970**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Swatantra Party, Bombay Region, was held at the Party Office on Thursday the 27th August 1970, when the following members were present :

1. Shri Lalchand Hirachand (Chairman)	5/7
2. Shri Parmanand Kejriwal	4/7
3. Shri Madhu N. Mehta	6/7
4. Shri R. V. Murthy	3/7
5. Shri P. S. Koppiker	7/7
6. Shri Shashikant Gavaskar	7/7
7. Shri S. Ramachandran	6/7
8. Shri Mehmood Omer	7/7
9. Shri J. Venkiteswaran	7/7
10. Shri Hiren Shah	
11. Shri P. M. Shah (bv invitation)	7/7
12. Shri Adi Narain	7/7
13. Shri Pramod Tejookava	1/7 1/2
14. Shri Indukumar Thakkar	
15. Smt. Sharayu Daftary (bv invitation)	
16. Mr. Nana Chudasama	4/7

The following members remained absent :

1. Dr. R. C. Cooper	2/7
2. Smt. Sarla Datar	1/7
3. Prof. P. J. Shroff	0/7
4. Nariman D. Sahukar	1/7
5. Shri Sharadchandra Dhamankar	0/7
6. Shri Ramesh Dave	5/7
7. Shri Arun Kumar Guha	1/7
8. Shri N. M. Gandhi	0/7
9. Dr. Simon Fernandes	0/7
10. Smt. Molly Rodrigues	1/7
11. Shri Shafi Thanawala	0/7
12. Shri V. M. Astik	0/2

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Shantilal Thar and Mr. Shafi Thanawala.

1. At the outset the Chairman thanked Mr. J. Venkiteswaran and Mr. Hiren Shah for the labour they put in to prepare an analysis of election results of the past elections to enable the Executive Committee to get an idea of election trends.

2. A discussion was held at which Mr. J. Venkiteswaran said that the Party should first start preparing candidates in the order of priority given in his report. Mr. Hiren Shah also wanted that in view of the past experience it was better that the Party field candidates only in selected areas as per the priority mentioned in his report. In this connection, the Chairman wanted to know from the members whether the Party should invite candidates for all the constituencies in Bombay city or to invite candidates and field the candidates only in selected constituencies. He also felt that it would be better that we invite candidates for all the constituencies with the specific understanding that the Party would not guarantee to anybody but everything would depend on political circumstances obtaining at that time as also on his organisational and other aspects of prospective constituencies. It is also likely that at the last moment we may have to withdraw candidates depending upon the circumstances. However he felt that Party's propaganda could be spread all over Bombay if no restrictions are placed in developing an area. Mr. Indukumar Thakkar wanted that 3 parliamentary constituencies should be geared up viz. Bombay South with Dr. Cooper, Bombay North West with Mr. Madhu Mehta and Bombay North East with Shri Lalchand Hirachand. Shri Adi Narain was of the view that things have changed since the election of 1962

and delimitation of constituencies have changed and therefore the report on the basis of the results of 1962 could not give a true picture. Further in some of the constituencies there is no party organization worth the name. Unless a solid organization is set up, there was no point of thinking of contesting. Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal said that the past results were only an indication and they could not be the final authority on the basis of which we should proceed. He wanted that the Parliamentary Board should try to get best men in all the constituencies and field them. From his experience he said that the votes are obtained mostly on the basis of good candidates. Mr. S. Ramachandran was firmly of the view that the analysis has proved which are the weak spots of our Party and now the Party should concentrate on areas where we have fared well so that the Party would be able to show some results. Further he said that people feel that we are a losing Party and unless we show some results in the coming election, the Party would have no future. Mr. Madhu Mehta was of the view there is a need for giving a spurt to the Party organisation. He also wanted that where chances are good for the Party we should start projecting the candidates. He also feared that if we invite candidates for all the areas and if at the end if we were forced to withdraw our candidates, it is likely those who have become member of the Party to fight the election, may leave the Party and stand as independents. The Chairman felt that even the seats would become weak at the last moment because of various circumstances. It is better, therefore, we should first build a strong organisation. It was, therefore, felt that the Party should try to build a strong organisation in all the areas and depending upon the circumstances and adjustments, we should finalise the seats. The General Secretary also requested the Joint Secretaries to concentrate on those areas where the Party is likely to have good chances of winning, since they failed from areas marked as very favourable.

3. The report of Mrs. Daftary was taken up. She impressed upon the Committee the need for a Central Campaign Committee to coordinate and give guidelines to the candidates. She wanted that the committee should not consist of more than 3/4 persons. This was accepted and the Chairman said that the Executive Committee would function as Campaign Committee. Those who will not fight the elections and those who can spare full time for the job will look after this work.

Then the membership sub-committee was taken up. It was felt that the membership of the Party considering the population of the city was very low and it was decided that efforts should be made to enrol a large number of members of the Committee and a target should be fixed. Mr. P. M. Shah informed that the Bombay North East District Committee has decided to enroll 500 members by the 15th October, 1970.

b) Regarding committee to contact with the Election Commissioners's Office, it was decided that a lawyer should be put in charge of this sub-committee so that the legal implications could be looked into. The General Secretary was asked to look into the matter.

c) Regarding Vigilance Committee, the General Secretary informed that there is already a committee there and they may look after this work.

d) Programme Committee : Mr. R. V. Murthy wanted that this committee should collect literature of all other political parties so that the Party could exploit on the weakness of other political parties.

e) Statistical Sub-Committee : The General Secretary informed that he is thinking of setting up a Committee to study the electoral rolls of constituencies and to find out the names left out and to make efforts to enrol people as voters. It was felt that this committee could be combined with the sub-committee to contact with the Election Commissioner's office.

f) Last Day Preparation Sub-Committee : It was decided to set up this committee at a later date.

4. Then the report of Mr.P.M.Shah was taken up. As regards sub-offices, the District Committees were requested to look into the matter and to be on the lookout for office premises that could be opened in their areas. Shri Adi Narain asked about rental and/to Primary Units could be utilised for the District Office. Regarding his plans for unemployed engineers, it was felt that it is beyond the reach of the Party and the Party should not do such things. The General Secretary felt that either Mr.P.M.Shah or somebody should become a member of the Personnel Officer's Association, so that they would be in touch with the Personnel Officer's of other companies and thus help our men to get employment.

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

Lalchand Hivachand

CHAIRMAN.