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Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of Swatantra Party
(Bombay Region) held on Wednesday the 22nd April 1970

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Swatantra Party, Bombay Region was held at the Party Office on Wednesday the 22nd April 1970, when the following members were present :

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| 1. Shri Lalchand Hirachand | 2/4 |
| 2. Shri R. V. Murthy | 2/4 |
| 3. Shri Shashikant Gavaskar | 4/4 |
| 4. Shri Adi Narain | 4/4 |
| 5. Shri S. Ramchandran | 3/4 |
| 6. Shri Mahmood Omer | 4/4 |
| 7. Shri P. S. Koppiker | 2/4 |
| 8. Shri Madhu Mehta | 3/4 |
| 9. Shri J. Venkiteswaran | 4/4 |
| 10. Shri Ramesh Dave | 4/4 |
| 11. Dr. R. C. Cooper | 1/4 |
| 12. Shri Pramod Tejookaya. | 4/4 |

1. Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Shafi Thanawala.
2. In the beginning Mr. R. V. Murthy took the Chair and conducted the meeting of the Chairman Shri Lalchand Hirachand joined the meeting later on.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th April, were confirmed.
4. The General Secretary informed that the Chairman had already addressed letters to all members of the various committees in regard to absenteeism at meeting and hoped things would improve.
5. Regarding the Workers' Shibir at Andheri, the General Secretary reported that it could not be held as Mr. Hiren Shah, the Secretary of the Unit was busy with his examination.
6. Regarding the poster campaign on rationing, Mr. Madhu Mehta was asked to prepare some matter for the posters and the General Secretary was asked to do the needful in the matter.
7. Regarding Fundamental Rights, Mr. Madhu Mehta, reported that the group meetings organised by the Bandra Unit were encouraging and the attendance was good. He wanted similar meetings should be held in other places also. Mr. Madhu Mehta also suggested that the Party should bring out posters on Fundamental Rights and also against Mr. Nath Pai's Bill.
8. Regarding the decentralised Fund Collection Drive, Mr. J. Venkiteswaran of Matunga Unit said it was their experience that the shop keepers are by and large reluctant to give any funds to the Party. In this connection, Mr. Madhu Mehta said that in order to win the sympathies of the shop keepers and to collect funds from them, it was necessary that the Party should help them in solving their difficulties such as getting municipal permits to grocers etc. Dr. R. C. Cooper informed that he had received encouraging reports from the President of the Mysore State Unit, Mr. Ganpaiah that he was able to collect funds from shop keepers and traders. He also agreed that if service was rendered, it was easy to approach them for funds. It was decided to organise the shop-keepers accordingly.
9. Regarding Training of Party workers, Mr. Madhu Mehta agreed to fix the dates in consultation with conductors of Leslie Sawhney Training Programme. He also suggested that he would request some of the Party's M.P.s. to come to Bombay soon after the Parliament session was over, so that workers could meet them and discuss about Party organisation, political affairs etc. Mr. Madhu Mehta was asked to organise the same as soon as possible.

In this connection, Dr. R.C.Cooper agreed that he would take up the matter with the All India leaders and see that the Bombay Party is informed their visits to Bombay well in advance so that Bombay Party could organise meetings.

10. The General Secretary reported that Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal met Dr. Kolbekar and Mr. Chinoy and Dr. Kolbekar has already joined the Party and Mr. Chinoy needs to be convinced further on Party's policies and programmes.

11. The General Secretary reported that the office-bearers had discussed a plan for membership drive on the basis of Circular received from the Madras City Swatantra Party and a scheme would be placed before the Executive Committee.

12. Regarding the working of the various Units, the General Secretary reported that the following units were functioning.

• BOMBAY SOUTH DISTRICT :

Only one Unit viz. Girgaum

BOMBAY CENTRAL SOUTH DISTRICT :

Walkeshwar and to some extent Parel

BOMBAY CENTRAL DISTRICT :

Matunga, Mahim and to some extent Naigaum

BOMBAY NORTH WEST DISTRICT :

Santacruz and Andheri, and Bandra.

BOMBAY NORTH EAST DISTRICT :

Kurla, Mulund and arrangements were under way to form a sub-unit for Dombivli

He also reported that every month he would be preparing a comprehensive report of the activities of all the Units and the same would be circulated to the Committee members of various Primary and District Units to give them an idea of the activities of the other units and how they too could follow their example to activate their units.

13. The General Secretary also reported that it has been decided to have a volunteer corp from Bombay Region, and the secretaries would discuss this matter and report back to the committee.

14. The General Secretary also reported that Mr. Shantilal Thar had expressed his inability to continue as the President of Bombay South and efforts were being made to reorganise the Bombay South District. In this connection, the General Secretary also reported that there are some other Primary and District Units, which are not functioning and he would soon look into the same. The General Secretary was authorised to take necessary action in revitalising and reforming them.

15. As there was another workers' meeting at 6-30 P.M. it was decided to postpone other items for the next meeting.

16. However, a discussion was held regarding putting up our own candidate from the Graduates' Constituency to the Maharashtra Legislative Council and it was decided to put up Mrs. Sharayu Daftari as our Party Candidate and the General Secretary was asked to take necessary steps in the matter.

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

Lalchand Hirachand

CHAIRMAN.

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