

SWATANTRA PARTY
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15th January, 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 21st January, 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 meeting held on 24th December, 1970
2. To consider matters arising out of the minutes;
3. To consider and approve the various details regarding the 10th Anniversary programme on 15th February, 1970
4. To consider the Budget for the year 1970
5. To consider any other matter with the consent of the Chair.

R. S. Srinivasan
(R.S.Srinivasan)
Office Secretary.

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of Swatantra Party
Bombay Region, held on Wednesday the 24th December, 1969

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Swatantra Party, Bombay Region, was held at the Party office on Wednesday the 24th December, 1969 when the following members were present:

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| 1. Mr. Shantilal Thar (Chairman) | 7. Mr. Madhu N. Mehta |
| 2. Mr. R.V. Murthy | 8. Mr. Mehmood Omer |
| 3. Mr. P.S. Koppiker | 9. Mr. Shashikant Gavaskar |
| 4. Mr. Pramod Tejookaya | 10. Mr. Adi Narain |
| 5. Mr. Ramesh Dave | 11. Mr. Hiren E. Shah |
| 6. Mr. J. Venkiteswaran | 12. Mr. Arun Guha |

1. Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Lalchand Hirachand, Mr. S. Ramachandran and Mr. Shafi Thanawala.

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 26th November, 1969 were read and confirmed.

3. The General Secretary reported about the various decisions taken at the two Office bearers' meeting held earlier regarding Party organisation. He informed that separate Sub-Committees were formed for the following:

1. Finance Sub-Committee under Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal
2. Civic Grievances Sub-Committee under Dr. R.C. Cooper
3. Vigilance and Political Orientation Sub-Committee under Mr. Madhu Mehta
4. Publicity Sub-Committee under Mr. R.V. Murthy
5. Organisation and Coordination Sub Committee under Mr. P.S. Koppiker

4. Mr. Madhu Mehta reported that on the issue of Property Rights he had brought out a poster saying 'If you want your Property go, Go to her, and if you want your Poverty to go, come to us.' He also informed that he was able to get 5000 posters of this free of cost and he only desired the Party to arrange for the pasting of these posters. He further informed that he is arranging to call a Shibir of Party workers in the month of January, 1970, to educate the party workers primarily on the lines of the Circular issued by Dr. R.C. Cooper, Acting General Secretary of All India Swatantra Party.

5. On the Party organisation, Mr. Shantilal Thar suggested that at each meeting of the Office bearers we should invite Office bearers of some of the Units and to discuss with them the ways and means of popularising Party principles. Mr. Adi Narain suggested that the meetings of the Regional Executive should be held in various districts so that the Units in that particular district could be benefited by the meetings. It was decided to take note of these suggestions and to discuss further at the next meeting.

6. Regarding the operation of the Bank accounts, (A/c No. 1 and A/c No. 2) with the Union Bank of India, Bombay, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED that the Bank Accounts No. 1 and 2 be operated by the following persons:

Any one out of the following Office-bearers:

1. Mr. Lalchand Hirachand - President
2. Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal - Vice-President
3. Mr. P.S. Koppiker - General Secretary
4. Mr. Shashikant Gavaskar - Joint Secretary.

and any one out of the following Treasurers:

1. Mr. Shantilal Thar
2. Mrs. Sarla Datar

The Office was asked to contact the Bank for doing the needful in the matter (it being noted that the two signatures (one each from the above two categories) would be required for drawing cheques).

7. The General Secretary placed before the meeting the two letters of the Mahim Unit as under:

- a) A letter dated 20th December, 1969 signed by 7 members of the Mahim Primary Unit committee appealing to the Regional Council to reverse its decision regarding Mr. M.A. Rizvi.
- b) A letter dated 22nd December, 1969 mentioning therein some of the activities of the Mahim Unit and requesting the Executive to sanction the subvention of Rs.75/- for the Mahim Unit.

Regarding the first letter of the Mahim Unit in regard to Mr. Rizvi, It was decided to inform the Unit concerned that the Executive was not in a position to do anything in the matter as it was the decision of the National Executive.

8. Mr. Ramesh Dave suggested that some guidelines may be given to Units regarding the publicity for the activities of various Units. The Executive Committee after discussion decided that the Units are at liberty to give publicity in the press regarding any local activity without reference to the Regional Office, but at the same time it is obligatory on the part of the Units to send a copy of the statements to the General Secretary. In so far as it relates to any basic policy of the Party, the Units should get the approval of the Executive Committee before going to the press. Mr. R.V. Murthy Chairman of the Publicity Sub-Committee was requested to issue guidelines to the Units.

9. Mr. J. Venkiteswaran wanted certain guidelines to be given to the Units regarding collection of funds for the Units. In this connection, it was decided to request the Units to arrange their own cultural programmes or any other such functions to collect funds for the Units. However, the Units may be requested to give their plans in writing to the Convenor of the Finance Sub-Committee, Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal, to get the necessary sanction. The Chairman also informed that it had been tentatively decided to hold the 10th Anniversary programme in the 2nd Week of February, 1970.

10. Mr. Hiren Shah of Andheri Primary Unit wanted to know why Andheri Unit could not be given a subvention as it was also very active. In this connection, the General Secretary read out the decision of the Regional Council in the matter and informed Mr. Hiren Shah that the Office bearers would consider the case sympathetically and try to help the Third Unit in Bombay North West District in the light of the performance of the Unit. Mr. Hiren Shah also suggested that the General Secretary should issue another circular to the Units about the rules for the eligibility of the Subvention so that other Units may take note of and activate themselves. This was agreed.

11. Mr. Murthy informed that for Rajaji's birthday, the Matunga Unit had spent more than Rs.300/- and suggested that the Regional Office should bear half of the expenses as the meeting was arranged with the consent of the Office-bearers of the Bombay Region. It was decided to bear half of the expenses of the said meeting amounting to Rs.171/-. In this connection, M. Dave wanted to know why a meeting was not arranged at the Party Office as usual and the General Secretary replied that the meeting was arranged at an open place to get better attendance. The Office was asked to get another photograph of Rajaji, so that one photograph of Rajaji could remain in the office permanently.

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

Lalchand Hirosh

CHAIRMAN.