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By Registered Post A.D.

The Secretary,
Election Commission of India,
Nirvachan Sadan,
Ashok Road
New Delhi 110001.

Dear Sir,

Subject: Registration of political parties
under section 29A - regarding.

We refer to our letter to you of August 1, 1989 and the reply of your Research Officer Mr.K.P.G.Kutty vide No.56/Misc./89/3439 of 12 August, 1989.

Your Research Officer has forwarded to us a form for application for the registration of our organisation along with a copy of section 29A of the R.P.Act, 1951 and a copy of Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) (Amendment) Order, 1989 dated 15.6.1989.

You have, in your letter asked us to make an application giving full particulars about our organisation and a copy of the constitution of our party with a specific provision under sub-section (5) of said section 29A to be forwarded with our application.

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Our difficulty lies in the stipulation under sub-section (5) of section 29A which states inter alia:

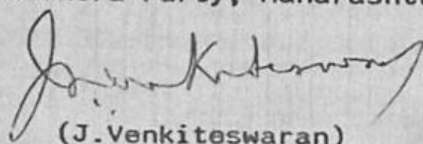
"The application under sub-section(1) shall be accompanied by a copy of the memorandum of rules and regulations...(which) shall contain a specific provision that the association or body shall bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, and to the principles of socialism,secularism and democracy..."

We are a party wedded to secularism and democracy but are sworn to oppose socialism. We regret therefore it will not be possible for us to swear "true faith and allegiance to "the principles of socialism".

In view of the fact that our very political purpose is the repudiation of socialism in all its forms, variations and manifestations we would like to know, before we complete your application form for registration if our application for registration as a political party will be accepted by the Election Commission of India if we reject the "socialism" part of sub-section 5 of 29A.

An early reply will be much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,
for Swatantra Party, Maharashtra



(J.Venkiteswaran)
President