

Swatantra Party Parliamentary Office

53 North Avenue,
New Delhi.

February 22, 1969

Minutes of the Meeting

A meeting of the General Body of the Party in Parliament was held in Room No.50, 1st floor, Parliament House, at 9.45 A.M. on Friday, February 21, 1969. The following were present:

1. Prof. N.G. Ranga
2. Mr. M.R. Masani
3. Mr. C.C. Desai
4. Mr. N.K. Somani
5. Raja Venkatappa Naik
6. Prof. R.K. Amin
7. Mr. Y.G. Gowd
8. Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel
9. Mr. L.N. Patodia
10. Mr. Girraj Saran Singh
11. Mr. J. Chandramouli
12. Mr. Piloo Mody
13. Mr. Meetha Lal Meena
14. Mr. M. Majhi
15. Mr. D. Anant
16. Mr. S.P. Ramamoorthy
17. Mr. A. Dipa
18. Dr. B.N. Antani
19. Mr. S.K. Tapuriah
20. Maharaja Sriraj Dhrangadhra
21. Mr. D.R. Parnar

1. It was decided that we should oppose Shri Nath Pai's Bill and also vote against amendments which are likely to be moved by the Government seeking the deletion of a clause which calls for ratification of the Constitution amendment dealing with the Fundamental Rights by 50 per cent of the State Assemblies.

All Members were requested to be present in the House this afternoon and also on the 7th March when discussion on the Bill was likely to be resumed.

2. There was a discussion on the Members Salaries and Allowances Report. It was decided that we should press our earlier suggestion before the General Purposes Committee for reference of the Bill to a person with judicial background for examination and report. In case our suggestion was not acceptable, whereas the unanimous recommendations may not be opposed, majority recommendations should be examined on merits. When the bill comes up for discussion in Parliament, the question of how the Party's proposal in regard to procedure could be presented, whether by moving an amendment or otherwise, could be considered and decided by the

Party keeping in view the proposal made by Several MPs that in the absence of acceptable decisions of the Party the MPs may be given freedom of action and vote.

3. Regarding Mr. Desai's proposed Bill regarding reservation of seats for scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in the Lok Sabha and the State Assemblies, the Leader brought to their notice Rajajee's wire suggesting the postponement of a decision in the matter. It was decided that Mr. Desai may write to Rajaji explaining the position and seeking his advice after which a final decision could be taken in the matter.

sd. D.N. Patodia
Secretary