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The Swatantra Party in Parliament met this morning to consider the Report of the Select Committee on Salaries, Allowances and other Amenities for Members of Parliament. The following resolution was adopted on this question:

"The Swatantra Party in Parliament having considered the Report of the Select Committee on Salaries, Allowances and other Amenities for Members of Parliament feels that an embarrassing situation is created when Members of Parliament have to decide on their own emoluments. The Party is of the view that as in the case of other members of society and public officials in particular, the reasonable remuneration for the members of the Legislatures should be decided upon by some quasi-judicial authority whose opinion should be invited on the Report of the Select Committee and the subject considered by it. Such an authority could be appointed by the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha and the Speaker of Lok Sabha. The opinion of such an authority should be accepted without further arguments by all Parties in Parliament. The Party is of the view that this is the appropriate manner in which this matter can be decided on merits.