

Swatantra Party Parliamentary Office

53 North Avenue,
New Delhi.

August 6, 1968.

Minutes of the Meeting

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Party in Parliament was held at 10.00 A.M. in the Party Room, Central Hall, Parliament House, New Delhi. The following members were present:

1. Prof. N.G. Ranga
2. Mr. D.N. Patodia
3. Mr. K.M. Koushik
4. Mr. M.R. Masani
5. Mr. C.C. Desai
6. Mr. N. Dandekar

2. The procedure being followed for nomination of members to various select/joint select committees was explained by the Leader. It was decided that the Executive Committee alone should always finalise the names and no exception should be made and while finalising the names, competence of members to serve on committees should also be taken into account.

3. It was pointed out that our Group in the Rajya Sabha should also as far as possible have the proposals for nomination to various committees ratified by the Executive Committee.

4. The following members were requested to speak on items indicated against their names:

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| 1. Central Industrial Security Force Bill | Mr. M.K.Nanja Gowder |
| 2. Judges Enquiry Committee | Mr. N. Shivappa |
| 3. Food Debate | Prof.N.G. Ranga |
| 4. Resolution seeking continuance of President's rule in U.P. | Mr. G.S. Singh |
| * 5. Continuance of President's rule in West Bengal | Mr. P.K. Deo |
| 6. Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Amendment Bill, 1967 | Mr. G.C. Naik |
| 7. Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Amendment Bill | Mr. D.N. Patodia |
| 8. Delhi & Ajmer Rent Control (Nasirabad Cantonment Repeal) Bill | Mr. Meetha Lal |
| 9. Iron Ore Mines Labour Welfare Cess (Amendment) Bill 1967 | Mr. D. Anant |
| 10. The Khuda Baksh Oriental Public Library Bill | Mr. H. Ajmal Khan |
| 11. The State Agricultural Credit Corporation Bill | Prof.R.K. Amin |
| 12. Special Marriages (Amendment) Bill (to support the Bill) | Dr.M. Santhoshan |
| 13. The Army, Air Force & Naval Law (Amendment) Bill | Mr.P.N. Solanki |

*It was decided that our speaker should reiterate the Party's stand for not holding elections in West Bengal for a couple of years. Secondly, elections should not be held in West Bengal till the two Communist Parties are not banned. In any case, the Party was against holding elections as between November 1968 and February 1969.

5. The Bill ~~seeking~~ banning of companies donations to political parties was discussed. It was decided that our Members should not commit themselves either for the Bill or against the Bill till such time the bill comes up for discussion before the House, when a final decision as to the attitude of the Party should be taken.

6. It was decided that we should purchase a filing cabinet for our Parliamentary Office. The following members were requested to contribute Rs.40 each for this purpose:

1. Mr. N. Dandekar
2. Mr. M.R. Masani
3. Prof. N.G. Ranga
4. Mr. Piloo Mody
5. Mr. C.C. Desai
6. Mr. D.N. Patodia
7. Mr. N.K. Somani
8. Mr. S.K. Tapuriah
9. Mr. M.K. Mohta
10. Mr. B.K. Deo

7. Shri C.C. Desai was requested to negotiate with the Independent member, Shri Yashpal Singh, to persuade him to join the Party.

sd. D.N. Patodia
Secretary