

Extract From the Minutes of the National Executive Meeting

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Disciplinary Action Against Mr. U. N. Mahida and the Five M.L.As
Who Sponsored Him

The Executive then took up for consideration the explanations received from the five M.L.As charged with having worked against the Party's official candidate in the biennial election to the Rajya Sabha from Gujarat in March this year. It also considered the explanation submitted by Mr. U.N. Mahida who stood as a candidate for that election in defiance of the Central Parliamentary Board's decision.

Decisions :

After considerable discussion the Executive took the following decisions- fourteen members voting in favour and three abstaining :-

(i) Mr. Jamubhai Bhatt :

In the light of Mr. Jamubhai Bhatt's clarification that he had subsequently withdrawn support to Mr. Mahida and had communicated this fact to as many M.L.As of the Party as he could, and having considered the State Executive's comments that he had no reason to disbelieve Mr. Bhatt on this point, the Executive decided to exonerate him.

(ii) Mr. Chunilal Vasave :

The Executive accepted the comments of the State President of the Gujarat Unit that Mr. Vasave had acted as he did because he had been given misleading information. Since he was a simple Adivasi from Broach district and the Gujarat State President had recommended that his case deserved special consideration, the Executive decided to exonerate Mr. Vasave.

(iii) Mr. Natvarsinh Solanki :

(iv) Mr. Chandrakant Parikh :

(v) Thakore Saheb Chandrasinhji Jadeja of Dhrol :

In regard to Mr. Natvarsinh Solanki, Mr. Chandrakant Parikh and Thakore Saheb Chandrasinhji Jadeja of Dhrol, the Executive after considering carefully their explanations and the comments thereon by the State President, decided that these three gentlemen should be debarred from holding any office whatsoever, whether in the Party Organisation or in the Party Group in the State Legislature, for a period of three years with immediate effect.

(vi) Mr. U.N. Mahida :

The Executive considered Mr. Mahida's explanation and, after hearing the comments of the State President thereon, was of opinion that the explanation was largely irrelevant and in

substance quite unacceptable in answer to the specific charges framed against Mr. Mahida. The Executive therefore decided that in view of the undoubted gravity of Mr. Mahida's deliberate misconduct he should be expelled from the Party forthwith.

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