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The demand made by Mr. Masani to form an Ad-hoc Committee for Gujarat Swatantra Party has angered the Swatantra Party leaders in Gujarat, not only that but Mr. Bhailalbhai Patel has said that if in the Swatantra Party there was a first class Congress spy that was Mr. Masani.

Addressing party members Mr. Bhailalbhai Patel said that this time it was not the turn of a Swatantra Party M.P. to become the chairman of the P.A.C., but the fact that Mr. Masani has been again made the Chairman of the P.A.C. confirms that he (M.R.M.) is a Congress Spy.

Another leader of Gujarat Swatantra Party while showing his dislike for Mr. Masani said that just as the P.S.P. was in the doldrums because of the resignation of Mr. Ashok Mehta, similarly Mr. Masani is also nursing a plan for the liquidation of Swatantra Party.

Some party members had requested Mr. Bhailalbhai Patel to make fundamental changes in the party set-up, but Mr. Ramchandra Amin went to the extent of saying that now there is no need for any fundamental changes because they do not want such leadership.

According to reliable information Mr. Dahyabhai Patel is aspiring to become the President of Gujarat Swatantra Party, not only that but some M.Ps. have supported him (Dahyabhai).

The Kshatriya members of Gujarat Swatantra Party are of the opinion that since one enemy is trying to destroy their enemy then it is better to keep quiet, because Mr. H. M. Patel is the biggest enemy of the Kshatriyas. Thus if Mr. Masani is trying to destroy Mr. H. M. Patel, then it is better for the Kshatriyas to keep silent.

The State Council of Gujarat Swatantra Party at its meeting to be held on Monday, the 27th have started a move to counteract Mr. Masani's move for the formation of an Ad-hoc Committee for Gujarat.

According to reliable information the leaders of Gujarat Swatantra Party are preparing a memorandum stating Mr. Masani's actions and how he (M.R.M.) has flouted the Party's discipline. This memo will be finalised in the meeting of State Council of Gujarat Swatantra Party to be held on 27th, Monday.

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(From our Correspondent)

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Gujarat Swatantra Party, there was strong opposition to Mr. Masani's suggestion that an ad hoc committee should be formed in Gujarat because of the defeat of the Party's official candidate for Rajya Sabha elections.

The Executive Committee gave powers to its President, Mr. H. M. Patel, to present the State Unit's views in the General Council. The Executive Committee discussed Mr. Masani's attitude of holding the State unit responsible for the defeat of the Party's official candidate

Mr. H. M. Patel told newsmen after the meeting that there is no need for being agitated about this matter. Nobody could praise Mr. Masani's attitude.

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Mr. H. M. Patel disapproved of the plan to form an ad hoc Committee of Gujarat Swatantra Party and said that Gujarat unit cannot be compared with the Bihar unit. There (in Bihar) the situation was different.

The leader of Gujarat Swatantra Party, Mr. Bhailalbhai Patel, said that he disapproved of Mr. Masani's plan and added that Mr. Masani was the biggest spy of Congress in the Swatantra Party and this has been made clear (proved) when he was appointed the Chairman of the P.A.C.

One of the Party's spokesmen said that Mr. Ashoka Mehta by joining the Congress was instrumental for the liquidation of P.S.P. Similarly, Mr. Masani was doing the same thing.

In the meantime, Mr. Dahyabhai Patel's name is being mentioned as the Party's Chairman in Gujarat and he has the support of many M.Ps.