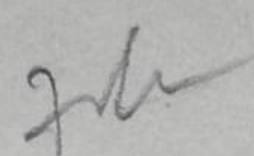


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Porbandar,
Dated: 25-5-1968.

From : - Vasanji Kheraj Thakrar,
Thakkar Plot,
Porbandar (Gujarat).



To : - Members of the Central Council,

Dear Friends,

I am sorry to state that due to unavoidable circumstances, I shall not be in a position to attend the Meeting. I know that this is an important Meeting, and every member of the Central Council should try to remain present, including myself. However, circumstances would not permit me to do so and I may therefore be excused for the same.

I have read the painful letter of Shri Minoo Masani. He raises important issues concerning the party. Since I would not be present to express my views on this matter, I may be permitted to express the same here.

Principle, prestige and credit of the party is the supreme consideration than the number of persons.

Number of unfaithful persons will ruin the credit of the party and once it is lost, our party will not be in a better position than the Congress. I am of the opinion, that to maintain the party's purity, it will be our duty to dismiss the unfaithful members of the party. Though we have not taken such a serious action in past, we should not commit the same mistake in present or future.

The Members who have taken part directly
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or indirectly against the principles and directions of the party are liable for severe punishment for their misconduct.

I agree with Shri K.M.Munshi that our party is not a confederacy of autonomous Units. The Swatantra Party is one party and State Units are its branches. In these circumstances, the direction of the Central Executive should be accepted by the State Units.

Show Cause Notices were issued against the members concerned and after hearing them the Board may take any action including expulsion.

I surprise as to why the notices were issued against some persons and not against the persons who are equally or to the same extent more liable. I think, the Central Council of the party will take necessary action against the persons irrespective of the top personality.

I have no hesitation in expressing my above views before the Central Council. I sincerely believe that it is in the interest of the party and all the Members of the Central Council will take it in that light.

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

VK Thakrar

(Vasanji Kheraj Thakrar)
Member, Central Council,
Gujarat Unit.