

Swatantra Party Parliamentary Office

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A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Party in Parliament was held at 12.30 P.M. on Thursday, 2nd May, 1968 in the Party Room, Central Hall. The following Members were present:

1. Mr. M.R. Masani
2. Mr. N.K. Somani
3. Mr. K.M. Koushik
4. Mr. S.S. Mariswamy
5. Mr. Piloo Mody
6. Mr. H. Ajmal Khan
7. Mr. Sundarmani Patel
8. Mr. Ram Singh
9. Mr. K.P. Singh Deo
10. Mr. Loknath Misra
11. Mr. Dahyabhai Patel
12. Mr. D.N. Patodia

Mr. P.K. Deo was a special invitee.

A sub-committee consisting of Prof. Ruthnaswamy, Mr. Piloo Mody and Raja Venkatappa Naik was appointed to examine the minutes of the last meeting of the Defection Committee. It was decided that the report of the Sub-Committee should be put up before the next meeting of the Executive Committee so as to enable the Party to prepare a suitable guideline to be available to the Leader who is expected to attend the next meeting of the Committee on Defections on 12th May, 1968.

Shri K.M. Koushik was nominated to the Committee regarding holding of Parliament session in Bangalore.

Reported move of certain members to form Bhim Sena was discussed. The Members felt that it was not a social service move but a political move on the part of certain forces. Our Members should therefore be advised accordingly to keep away from such groups.

Mr. Imam's letter regarding election to Committees was discussed. The Committee took note of the unfortunate development and enquiries revealed that a couple of Members had not been in a position to understand instructions given to them properly and voted for our M.Ps in wrong order. It was therefore decided that the Whips should personally instruct such Members about the preferential system of voting. It was decided that Mr. Imam should be informed accordingly.

Mr. Nanja Gowder's signature on the memorandum to the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister regarding the clause dealing with the trade union activities in the Banking Bill was brought to the notice of the Party. It was decided that some office bearer of the Party should explain to him that it should not be done as there are instructions to the effect from the Party that no signature on joint memoranda should be affixed by our Members without the prior permission of the Leader or the Deputy Leader. The instructions should be recirculated to our Members.

The following Members were requested to speak on the subjects shown against each of their names:

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| (a) Public Provident Fund Bill | - Mr. C. Muthuswamy |
| (b) U.P. Budget | - Mr. N.K. Somani |
| (c) West Bengal Budget | - Mr. D.N. Patodia |
| (d) Two motions regarding amendments of rules framed under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act | Mr. M.K. Nanja Gowder or
- Mr. P. Ramamoorthy |

(e) Civil Defence Bill

- Mr. K.P. Singh Deo
or Mr. C. Muthuswamy

(f) Pondicherry Extension of
Laws Bills

- Mr. S. Xavier

(g) Private Members Resolution
of Prof. Hiren Mukherjee
regarding diplomatic recog-
nition of East Germany

- Mr. Piloo Mody

The Members felt that we should maintain a chart of our speakers on various items to facilitate selection of speakers.

The Members were informed of the Prime Minister's reply to our suggestions regarding Consultative Committees and consequent decision of the Opposition Leaders that since there was no meeting ground, our boycott of the Consultative Committees should continue. Our Members were accordingly advised to submit their resignations from the Consultative Committees. The railway consultation committees are not included in the list and therefore Members are free to participate in the deliberations of these committees.

D.N. Patodia
Secretary