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That the failure to elect the Swatantra Party's candidate Mr. Babubhai Vaidya to the 'Rajya Sabha' was a grave breach of faith, that has done great harm to the party in Gujarat; and that Swatantra Party leadership should take steps to restore discipline, and create conditions which would make it possible for Mr. Masani to take his place in the party's National Executive was the unanimously adopted view of the District Committee of the Swatantra Party in Rajkot at a meeting presided over by Shri Digvijay Singhji of Wankar MLA this morning.

The following is the text of the resolution adopted and passed: -

"The Rajkot District Committee of the Swatantra Party has noted with great concern the failure of the majority of the members of the party in the Gujarat Legislative Assembly to vote for the party's candidate in the elections to the Rajya Sabha and is of the view that this involves a breach of faith which ~~has~~ done great harm to the party's prestige which calls for serious consideration.

"The Committee expresses its distress at the injustice thus done to Shri Babubhai Vaidya, whose independent progressive group had not only helped to get Swatantra Party candidates elected to the Rajya Sabha in 1964 and 1966 but who had worked hard for the success of the party's candidates in several districts of Saurashtra in the General elections of 1967"

"In the Committee's view Mr. Masani's

Resignation from the National Executive of the Party, has mitigated the harm done to the Party. At the same time in order that his abilities should be available to the Party, the Committee hopes that conditions would be created which would make it possible for Mr. Karami to resume his place in the Party's National Leadership.

"The Committee is of the view that few steps need to be taken to restore discipline in the Party so that the Party's prestige may be restored and such unfortunate instances may not happen in future".

The Committee authorized the President to send Telegramme to the President of the Gujarat Unit and the General Secretary of the Party requesting a postponement of the proposed meeting of ~~the~~ ⁱⁿ Ahmedabad on 21st April until after the National Executive had taken disciplinary action against those members in Gujarat who had been asked to show cause why they should not be dealt with.

The Committee also called for immediate disciplinary action to be taken against Shri Bhapiraji Bhanuji Patel against whom the charge of working against ^{the} Party's candidates had been proved to the satisfaction of ^{the} Committee of investigation.

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