

Some Comments

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- ✓ 1. Even though the Investigation Committee visited, among other places, Rajkot, the Committee does not seem to have met any member of the Rajkot District Swatantra Party Committee.
- ✓ 2. The Committee is of the opinion that what Mr. Bhagwanjibhai Patel has said against Mr. Masani was merely hearsay, but it seems that the Committee is not aware of the many press statements issued by Mr. Bhagwanjibhai Patel, by which Mr. B. Patel has made wrong allegations against Mr. Masani.
4. The Committee feels that natural justice demands that Mr. Bhagwanjibhai Patel should be given a chance to explain his position, but it has itself failed to interview the parties to the dispute viz., the members of the Rajkot Zilla Swatantra Party Committee and Mr. Masani.
5. If natural justice demands that Mr. Bhagwanjibhai Patel should be given an opportunity to give an explanation, then the same logic applies to the other parties to the dispute.
6. It seems that the Committee has overlooked the fact that even though Mr. Bhagwanjibhai Patel was appointed a returning officer to preside over the Party election in Junagadh district, he himself stepped down half-way during the Party election and announced himself as one of the candidates for the State Council from Junagadh District. This was clearly in contravention of the Party's procedure for organisational elections.