

Swatantra Party Parliamentary Office

53 North Avenue,
New Delhi.

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A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Party in Parliament was held at 10.30 A.M. in the Party Room, Central Hall, Parliament House. The following Members were present:

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| 1. Prof. N.G. Ranga | 6. Mr. Ram Singh |
| 2. Mr. M.R. Masani | 7. Mr. D.N. Patodia |
| 3. Mr. N. Shivappa | 8. Mr. J.M. Lobo Prabhu |
| 4. Mr. J. Mohd. Imam | 9. Mr. C.C. Desai |
| 5. Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel | 10. Mr. G.K. Sundaram |
| | 11. Mr. Y.G. Gowd |

Mr. K.M. Koushik attended the meeting as a special invitee.

2. The Party decided to vote for the No Confidence Motion.

3. Shri Nath Pai's motion regarding constitutional developments in Bihar was discussed. Shri Koushik who was requested to speak on behalf of the Party, was advised to strongly criticize the Congress for invariably shirking its responsibilities and obligations in not joining the coalition in the event of United Front failing to properly run the Government. In the case of Bihar, Congress should have joined the Mandal Ministry. The Party decided to abstain from voting on the Motion.

4. Motion regarding teachers' strike in Delhi was discussed. Our speaker Shri D.N. Patodia was advised to support the Government of India's stand in not conceding the demand of the teachers which was not well-founded. The Education Minister's statement in the Lok Sabha has proved that the Delhi teachers are the highest and paid in the country. Moreover, when the Party was against deficit financing, teachers' demand for increased salary and allowances would lead to further inflation and hence Party was not in a position to support this demand.

5. Raja Venkatappa Naik was nominated on the Select Committee to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Bill 1967 on the understanding that Mr. Naik will support the attitude of the Party which may be decided after the National Executive has given the guidelines. In case a second nomination from the Party was possible, it was decided that Shri Koushik should be nominated against the same. The Party would decide its attitude to the Bill in the next meeting of the National Executive to be held during the middle of the next month.

6. Shri D.R. Parmar was nominated on the Select Committee on Motor Vehicles Amendment Bill.

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