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Sir,—Heartiest congratulations to Minoo Masani, the Swatantra candidate, for his convincing victory over his rival Congress candidate Jethalal Joshi, and also heartiest congratulations to the electorate of Rajkot constituency who, irrespective of the spirit of communalism, have elected the candidate of their choice.

The outcome of the Rajkot parliamentary by-election has clearly reflected a verdict of people and a victory for democracy. Minoo Masani, the Swatantra candidate gave yet another blow to the prestige of the ruling party which is fast deteriorating.

Long live Democracy.

—J. M. HATHI,
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**Swatantra chief
in Gujarat
resigns** 959

NADIAD, June 3 (PTI)—Shri Bhailalbhai Patel, President of Gujarat Swatantra Party, has resigned from the presidentship, according to Shri Natvar Singh Solanki, General Secretary of the Gujarat Swatantra Party here today.

Shri Solanki said that the reason given by Shri Patel for his resignation was his old age.

Shri Solanki said that Shri Patel would be requested to continue in the post till the party elections to be held in about three months time.

In the meantime the State executive of the Party which would meet at Vallabh Vidynagar on June 18 would consider Shri Patel's resignation, Shri Solanki said.