

Swatantra Party Parliamentary Office

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A meeting of the General Body of the Party in Parliament was held in Room No.50, 1st floor, Parliament House at 4.00 P.M. on Monday, 12th February, 1968. The following Members were present:

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| 1. Prof. N.G. Ranga | 17. Raja Venkatappa Naik |
| 2. Mr. M.R. Masani | 18. Mr. Meetha Lal Meena |
| 3. Mr. C.C. Desai | 19. Mr. J. Mohd. Imam |
| 4. Mr. Y.G. Gowd | 20. Mr. D.N. Patodia |
| 5. Mr. K.P. Singh Deo | 21. Mr. Girraj Saran Singh |
| 6. Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel | 22. Mr. M.K. Nanja Gowder |
| 7. Mr. Loknath Misra | 23. Mr. P. Ramamoorthy |
| 8. Mr. Sundarmani Patel | 24. Mr. Piloo Mody |
| 9. Mr. S. Xavier | 25. Prof. M. Ruthnaswamy |
| 10. Dr. B.N. Antani | 26. Mr. N.K. Somani |
| 11. Mr. Mahendra Majhi | 27. Mr. Devi Singh |
| 12. Mr. D. Amat | 28. Mr. P.N. Solanki |
| 13. Mr. G.C. Naik | 29. Mr. D.R. Parmar |
| 14. Mr. P.K. Deo | 30. Mr. Anirudha Dipa |
| 15. Mr. K.M. Koushik | |
| 16. Prof. R.K. Amin | |

The substitute motion of Thanks to the President's Address was discussed and approved for being tabled on behalf of the Party.

Shri Masani detailed the various decisions of the Central Parliamentary Board and the National Executive meetings held at Cochin recently. The Parliamentary Board advised the Parliamentary Party to oppose the Banking Companies Bill, the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Bill and the three bills of the SSP viz. the Privy Purses Bill, Service Conditions of ICS Officers Bill and bill to give franchise to all those who are above 18 years. The details of the resolutions passed by the National Executive on Administrative Reforms Commission Report on State enterprises, removal of animal barriers and ban on the carrying of fire arms and lethal weapons and formation of people's committees in Kerala were given.

Mr. Masani also gave details of recent developments in regard to our relationship with the Jan Sangh. Statement issued by Prof. Balraj Madhok and the comments of Mr. Masani in this regard were also given in detail.

Mr. Masani also gave the background of the Anti-Conversion Bill passed by the Orissa Government. There was discussion on the two Bills which Shri P.K. Deo tabled during the last session. The Parliamentary Board has requested it was stated that Shri P.K. Deo should withdraw these Bills.

Shri Gowd gave the background leading to his nomination to the Haryana Committee and the Advisory Committee of the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences.

Prof. Ranga was requested to represent the Party on the Committee constituted by the Government of India regarding defections in Assemblies and Parliament arising out of the resolution passed by the Lok Sabha during the last session.

The Party congratulated Prof. Ruthnaswamy on his being awarded Padma Bhushan by the President.

sd. C.C. Desai,
Secretary