

Swatantra Party Parliamentary Office

53 North Avenue,
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December 14, 1967.

A meeting of the General Body of the Party in Parliament was held on 13th December, 1967 at 10A.M. in Room No.50, Parliament House, New Delhi. The following Members were present:

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| 1. Mr. M.R. Masani, | 11. Mr. Piloo Mody |
| 2. Mr. J.M. Lobo Prabhu | 12. Mr. N.K. Somani |
| 3. Mr. Meghrajji Dhurangdhara | 13. Mr. D.R. Parmar |
| 4. Mr. M.N. Amersey | 14. Mr. Loknath Misra |
| 5. Raja Venkatappa Naik | 15. Dr. Baghel |
| 6. Mr. J. Mohd Imam | 16. Dr. M. Santhosham |
| 7. Mr. Mithalal Meera | 17. Mr. D. Amat |
| 8. Mr. R.J. Amin | 18. Dr. B.N. Antani |
| 9. Prof. M. Ruthnaswamy | 19. Mr. D.N. Deb |
| 10. Mr. D.N. Patodia | 20. Mr. Mahindra Majhi. |

Mr. Masani referred to certain allegations made in the Lok Sabha regarding the contributions to the funds of political parties by sources outside the country. He said he had sought the permission of the Speaker to make a statement as personal explanation to those allegations. Such a course of action was approved by the Party.

Rajaji's suggestion for tabling a substitute resolution for suspension of the part of the Constitution dealing with the Language Bill was discussed. Decision taken in this regard by the Executive Committee was brought to the notice of the General Body. The Members endorsed the decision of the Executive Committee that it would not be advisable to take such an initiative. Moreover, the Prime Minister would not agree even if such an initiative was taken. It was further decided that we should issue a whip to all Members requesting them to vote for our motion asking for the circulation of the Bill for eliciting public opinion.

It was brought to the notice of the Members that a discussion of short duration regarding Sheikh Abdulla had been tabled in Rajya Sabha. Members, however, felt that there was no necessity on our part to take a similar initiative in the Lok Sabha.

Unlawful Activities Bill as emanated from the Joint Select Committee was discussed. Members expressed various viewpoints. It was however felt that mere argument or advocacy for secession under the Constitution should not call for action under the proposed Bill. The Party decided to oppose the Bill and follow the arguments as detailed in the minute of dissent tabled by Prof. M. Ruthnaswamy.

Shri Meghrajji was requested to speak on this as a second speaker on behalf of the Party.

Shri Manubhai Amersey was requested to speak on the Supplementary Demands for Grants on the second speaker in place of Shri N.K. Somani.

It was decided that we should table a motion for short duration discussion regarding deficit financing.

Mr. Masani read out the list of arrears of contribution by the Members of our Party and he requested them to clear out their arrears at the earliest to enable our Party office to function smoothly. Members were requested to sign the bank order forms.

sd. J.M. Lobo Prabhu
Secretary