

Swatantra Party Parliamentary Office

53 North Avenue,
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A meeting of the General Body of the Party in Parliament was held at 10.A.M. on Thursday, November 30, 1967 in Room No. 50 Parliament House, New Delhi. The following Members were present:

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| 1. Prof. N.G. Ranga | 16. Mr. D.N. Deb |
| 2. Mr. J. Mohd. Imam | 17. Mr. Y.G. Gowd |
| 3. Prof. R.K. Amin | 18. Mr. K.M. Kaushik |
| 4. Mr. P.N. Solanki | 19. Mr. Charanjit Rai |
| 5. Mr. R.J. Amin | 20. Mr. Lok Nath Misra. |
| 6. Mr. K.P. Singh Deo | 21. Mr. Sundarmani Patel |
| 7. Mr. D.N. Patodia | 22. Mr. C. Muthusami |
| 8. Raja Venkatappa Naik | 23. Mr. S.S. Mariswamy |
| 9. Mr. Devi Singh | 24. Mr. H. Ajmal Khan |
| 10. Mr. Piloo Mody | 25. Dr. B.N. Antani |
| 11. Mr. N.K. Somani | 26. Mr. P.K. Deo |
| 12. Mr. M.N. Amersey | 27. Maharaja Sriraj Meghrajji |
| 13. Mr. C.C. Desai | 28. Mr. S. Xavier |
| 14. Mr. M.K. Nanja Gowder | 29. Mr. D. Amat |
| 15. Mr. R.R. Singh Deo | 30. Mr. G.C. Naik |

Prof. Ranga informed the Committee about the reference of the Essential Commodities Bill to the Select Committee. This was done at our initiative. Shri D.N. Patodia was nominated to represent the Party on the Select Committee.

2. The Prime Minister's move regarding the reconstitution of the National Integration Council was brought to the notice of the Party by Prof. Ranga. He said he was not in favour of the Prime Minister assuming the chairmanship of the Council and herself assuming responsibility of naming the personnel of the Committee. He had therefore made some suggestions to the Prime Minister. The contents of his letter to the Prime Minister was read out to the Members.

3. Our attitude to the formation of the Hill State was detailed to the Members by Prof. Ranga. He conveyed to the Members gist of his letter to the Home Minister. Some Members expressed their points of view on the subject.

4. The situation in West Bengal arising out of the ruling of the Speaker in not recognising the Government headed by Dr. P.C. Ghosh was discussed. Move on the part of certain Members to impeach the President for acts of Governors in Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, West Bengal was also discussed. Many Members expressed their points of view. No final decision, however, was taken on the subject. Prof. Ranga said that he would consult Rajaji and then refer the issue back to the Party for final decision. It was however decided that if an adjournment motion on the situation in West Bengal came up for discussion, our Party should not rise in support of the Motion. In case the Motion was admitted, we should criticise the Government for adopting double standard vis-a-vis Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab. We should ask for the dissolution of the Assembly, promulgation of President's Rule and mid-term poll in due course. Apprehension of the Government that the Communists may come back in increased number in case of the mid-term election could be taken care of if the demand of our Party for banning of the Communist Party was accepted by the Government. The Constitutional crisis in the State had been created only because the Congress had propped up a minority Government.

Shri Meghrajji was chosen to speak on the Motion.

Sd. C.C. Desai
Secretary