

4879 **Swatantra Party**

NATIONAL CONVENTION

**Draft Amendments to the Constitution Recommended by the
General Council of the Party**

1. *Clause 4. Membership*

Substitute for the existing clause the following:

Every person above the age of 18 who subscribes in writing to the principles of the Party, pays the prescribed fee and expresses his readiness to work for the Party will be eligible to be a Worker of the Party.

Work for the Party may be any of the following activities:

- (a) Enrolling new members;
- (b) Introducing new Workers;
- (c) Campaigning for the Party;
- (d) Attending to public grievances on behalf of the Party and securing their redress;
- (e) Functioning, when called upon, as prospective candidate of the Party to an elective public body;
- (f) Collection of funds;
- (g) Acceptance of executive responsibilities in the Party;
- (h) Preparation of literature;
- (i) Distribution of literature;
- (j) Organisation of study circles and meetings;
- (k) Helping to run Party offices;
- (l) Any other approved activity.

The State Executive Committee shall be competent to frame rules in this behalf.

Decisions in regard to enrolment of workers shall be taken by the State Executive Committee either on its own initiative or on the recommendation of Constituency and District Committees.

Whenever the State Executive has doubts as to the desirability of enrolling a Worker, it shall forward the application with its comments to the National Executive, which shall, after considering the application and the comments directly or through an appropriate body, decide whether or not the Worker should be enrolled, and such decision shall be final.

Only Workers shall have the right to vote in Party elections or to serve as office bearers or members of the elective committees.

Clause 5. Subscription

The clause shall read as follows:

- (i) Each Worker of the Party will pay a subscription of Rs. 3.00 per year, or a Life Worker's fee of Rs. 100.00. Persons already enrolled as permanent members of the Party by the end of 1963 will be entitled to claim exemption from paying any further fee as Life Members with the right to vote.
- (ii) A Worker of the Party will continue as such as long as he pays his dues. Each Worker of the Party will be issued a Party Card.
- (iii) The National Executive of the Party will have the authority to expel a Worker or a member if in its opinion, which shall be final, his continuance as a Worker or member of the party is undesirable.
- (iv) The subscription for membership shall be divided between the various bodies of the Party in the following manner: Constituency 20 per cent, District 50 per cent, State or Region 25 per cent, Centre 5 per cent. Provided that the State or Regional Council may modify the proportion in which the membership subscription is to be distributed within the State or Region.
- (v) Every unit shall maintain appropriate accounts of the receipts and expenditure, which shall be annually audited.

Clause 5 A: Members:

Add a new clause 5 A as follows:

Every person above the age of 18 who subscribes in writing to the principles of the Party will be eligible to be a member of the Party. No fee will be payable by a member. Meetings of such members may be convened from time to time by the State, District or Constituency Committees so that they may be given opportunities to be consulted and associated with the work of the Party.

Clause 6: Primary Units

In sub-clause (b), substitute for the words "250 members" the word "20 Workers".