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SWATANTRA PARTY PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE,

53, North Avenue,
New Delhi.
April 22, 1964.

A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Party was held this morning in Committee Room, Central Hall, Parliament House. The following were present:-

1. Prof. N.G. Ranga (on the Chair)
2. Shri M.R. Masani
3. Shri C.L.N. Reddy
4. S. Kapur Singh
5. Shri Anand Chand
6. Shri Loknath Misra
7. Shri P.N. Solanki
8. Shri J.K.P.N. Singh
9. Prof. Ruthnaswamy
10. Shri P.K. Deo
11. Shri Dahyabhai V. Patel

It was decided that Prof. Ranga should initiate the Debate on behalf of the Party on the Constitution 17th Amendment Bill. Mr. Masani would be the second speaker. He would speak on the 2nd or 3rd reading of the Bill.

Prof. Ranga reported on the position in regard to nominations to the Public Undertakings Committee, the Public Accounts Committee and the Estimates Committee. He said that, in addition to the candidates nominated by the Party earlier, S. Kapur Singh had put in his nomination for the Estimates Committee on the strength of support he had been assured by groups and members outside our Party. Mr. Masani said that he was not very happy about his filing of a nomination without the prior approval of the Party. In such a case, a meeting of the Executive Committee could easily have been called and the proposal considered and the necessary permission granted. The Committee should not be faced with a fait accompli.

The Committee decided that Sardar Kapur Singh should be allowed to contest the election to the Estimates Committee, it being clearly understood that the first preference votes of the Party's members would go to Mr. P.K. Ghosh, the Party's nominee, the second preference votes to the D.M.K. candidate, to whom support has already been assured by the Party, and

and third preference to Sardar Kapur Singh. Sardar Kapur Singh expressed his wholehearted agreement with this arrangement.

Mr. Masani requested members for an informal-get-together on 28-4-1964 at 6-30 P.M. at his residence to exchange views on the situation on Kashmir and Pakistan.

Shri Dahyabhai Patel brought to the notice of the Members that in accordance with the conventions of Rajya Sabha, this time Membership of the Public Accounts Committee in that House would go to another Party; Swatantra Party having already availed of this for two terms. In any case our Party would get membership of Public Undertakings Committee. Decision about the Party's nominee of this Committee was left to Shri Dahyabhai Patel.

The Meeting was terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

KAPUR SINGH
SECRETARY.