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Swatantra Party Parliamentary Office

53 North Avenue,
New Delhi.

May 22, 1967.

Minutes of the Meeting

A meeting of the General Body of the Swatantra Party in Parliament was held on Sunday, May 21, at 5.00 P.M. at Vithalbhai Patel House. The following were present:

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| 1. Mr. M.R. Masani (in the Chair) | |
| 2. Prof. N.G. Ranga | |
| 3. Mr. P.N. Solanki | 20. Mr. Charanjit Rai |
| 4. Mr. R.J. Amin | 21. Mr. Meetha Lal Mina |
| 5. Mr. Manubhai Amersey | 22. Mr. D.N. Patodia |
| 6. Mr. Dahyabhai Parmar | 23. Mr. D. Jena |
| 7. Mr. Piloo Mody | 24. Mr. Dahyabhai Patel |
| 8. Mr. C.C. Desai | 25. Mr. S.S. Mariswamy |
| 9. Prof. R.K. Amin | 26. Prof. Ruthnaswamy |
| 10. Mr. N. Dandekar | 27. Dr. B.N. Antani |
| 11. Mr. Viren Shah | 28. Mr. Lok Nath Misra |
| 12. Mr. K.M. Kaushik | 29. Mr. Sundarmani Patel |
| 13. Mr. H. Ajmal Khan | 30. Mr. Ram Singh |
| 14. Mr. J. Mohammed Imam | 31. Mr. Devi Singh |
| 15. Raja Venkatappa Naik | 32. Mr. B.K. Deo |
| 16. Maharaja P.K. Deo | |
| 17. Mr. Debanand Amat | |
| 18. Mr. Mahendra Majhi | |
| 19. Mr. K.P. Singh Deo | |

The minutes of the last meeting of the General Body held on 6th April, 1967 were approved.

At the outset, Mr. Masani welcomed the election of Prof. Ranga to the Lok Sabha. He then referred to the various economic resolutions passed by the Congress working Committee concerning the social control of the banking institutions, nationalisation of general insurance, etc.

Mr. Masani communicated to the Members the satisfaction of the National Executive and the Central Parliamentary Board over the performance of our Party in Parliament during the last session.

Mr. Masani requested the Members to sign bank order forms for Rs.40 as the Party subscription. About 22 Members had yet to sign such forms.

Mr. Masani said that since our President, Prof. Ranga, had been elected to the Lok Sabha, he would like, with the permission of the Members, to submit his resignation from the leadership and invite the Party to elect Prof. Ranga unanimously as Leader of the Party. Mr. Masani's proposal was unanimously adopted.

After taking the chair, Prof. Ranga proposed the name of Mr. Masani for the office of the Deputy Leader of the Party. Mr. Masani was elected unanimously as the Deputy Leader of the Party.

Mr. C.C. Desai was requested to speak on the Report of the Union Public Service Commission.

As to the attitude of the Party on the withdrawal of the Emergency and the Indemnity Bill, Mr. Masani said that the lifting of the Emergency should be total and complete including the border areas. As for the Indemnity Bill the rights of the citizens should not be unduly truncated and there should be no bar on those who can claim compensation in a Court of Law for their detention. The Bill from this point of view should be studied carefully and our speakers briefed accordingly.

The Members were in favour of the removal of P Form restrictions on foreign travel as recommended by the Administrative Reforms Commission and a careful examination of the Bill together with the Passport Ordinance so as to make appeals justiciable.

C.C. Desai
Secretary