

PRESS RELEASE

We are glad to announce that as a result of further talks between the leaders of the two parties, the differences regarding electoral adjustments between the Orissa Swatantra Party and the Orissa Jana Congress have been resolved. The Presidents of the two Parties have today signed an Agreement for electoral adjustment and alliance for a coalition of the two parties. This coalition will now become the instrument of the peoples' will to oust the Congress from power. The parties will go ^{to} the Polls in 1967 General Election with the positive offer of a clear alternative non-Congress government in the State. We are happy to release the copy of the Agreement to the Press and appeal to the people of Orissa to give their whole-hearted support and cooperation for the fulfillment of these objectives. The agreement of the two parties at the end of the old year ushers in the hope of a clean Government in Orissa in the New Year.

Sd/-..

General Secretary
Orissa Jana Congress

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General Secretary
Swatantra Party Orissa Unit

Dated Bhubaneswar the 30th December 1966.

AGREEMENT

Electoral Adjustment and Alliance between the Santantra Party, Orissa Unit and the Orissa Jana Congress

The last five years Congress misrule in Orissa is a sordid story of corruption, inefficiency, wasteful expenditure and blatant disregard for moral values. To oust the discredited and corrupt Congress Party from power in Orissa and provide a clean alternative Government, the Santantra Party, Orissa Unit and the Orissa Jana Congress hereby agree to collaborate to form a Santantra-led coalition in Orissa.

Both parties have agreed to an electoral adjustment in regard to the constituencies enumerated in the schedule reproduced below in which there will not be mutual contest between the two parties. The constituencies not mentioned in the schedule will be open, where the parties will be free to set up candidates if they so desire.

It is further agreed that both parties will later issue an agreed common programme to be implemented by the Santantra-Jana Congress coalition in Orissa and under no circumstances will either Party support the Congress Party, whether in the Opposition or in Government.

Sd/-..

Rabindra Mohan Pradhan
President
Orissa Jana Congress

Sd/-..

R. N. Singh Deo
President
Santantra Party Orissa Unit

Dated, Bhubaneswar, the 30th December, 1966/

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Supplementary Agreement between the Swatantra
Party, Orissa Unit and the Orissa Jana Congress.

POINTS OF AGREEMENT

1. The Orissa Swatantra Party - Orissa Jana Congress Coalition will be Swatantra-led as per the letter dated 7th December, 1966 from Dr. H.K. Mahtab to Mr. Masani.
2. It is agreed that the Orissa Jana Congress candidates for Assembly constituencies will support and propagate in favour of the respective Lok Sabha Swatantra Party candidates of those constituencies. The Lok Sabha candidates of the Swatantra Party will support and propagate in favour of the Jana Congress candidates in such Assembly constituencies where there are no Swatantra Party candidates. The leaders of both the parties agree to issue joint appeal to the electorate accordingly.
3. The Swatantra Party has conceded the Bhubaneswar and Basudevpur Assembly constituencies on the condition that Dr. H.K. Mahtab will contest from these constituencies.

Sd/-..

President

Orissa Jana Congress.

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Swatantra Party Orissa Unit

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