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Masani Refuses to Rejoin Party Executive

By A Staff Reporter

MADRAS, June 2: Mr M. R. Masani, MP, yesterday declined to agree to be re-elected to the National Executive of the Swatantra Party, but he assured the Party's General Council that he would continue to work for the party, both in Parliament and outside.

Mr Masani had resigned from the executive following the discipline among Gujarat legislators that led to the defeat of the party's official candidate in the biennial elections to the Rajya Sabha. At the meeting Mr N. Dandekar had proposed that Mr Masani be re-elected to the National Executive of the party if he agreed.

Earlier, the Council discussed two resolutions, one calling upon the National Executive to create conditions to enable Mr Masani to accept the membership of the National Executive and the Central Parliamentary Board.

Resolutions Lost

The other resolution called for the appointment of a committee to inquire into certain allegations against the leadership of the party in Gujarat and initiation of disciplinary action against Mr C. C. Desai. Both the resolutions were put to the vote and declared lost.

The two-day meeting of the General Council at the Srinivasa Sastri Hall, Mylapore, was presided over by Prof. M. Ruthnaswami, vice-chairman in the absence of Mr Ranga. Sixty-nine out of 170 members attended. Mr C. Rajagopalachari was also present.

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