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State unit's support for Bhagwanji

By A Staff Reporter

AHMEDABAD, May 27.—The Executive Committee of the Gujarat Swatantra Party, which met here today, decided to represent strongly the case of Mr Bhagwanji Patel whose organizational election was set aside by Mr Minoo Masani, the then General Secretary of the Party.

The executive meeting, which was presided by State Party Chief, Mr H. M. Patel, reviewed the report of the committee which had investigated the election proceeding of Mr Bhagwanji Patel and found that Mr Masani's decision to set aside his election was not justified.

It may be recalled that Mr Patel had contested the election for the State Council seat last August but Mr Masani had set aside his election on the ground that the election was unconstitutional as he had contested election though he was appointed a returning officer during the same election.

PATEL'S CONTENTION

Mr Patel had contended that he had resigned as the returning officer before contesting the election.

The executive meeting also strongly criticised Mr Masani's suggestion to dissolve the Gujarat Unit of the Party. Mr Masani's suggestion was baseless and not wise, Mr H. M. Patel told newsmen.

Mr Masani had suggested to dissolve the Gujarat unit of the Party for its lack of discipline attitude during the election for the Rajya Sabha seat.

It may be recalled that the majority of the Party members voted against the official candidate of the Party and defied the Party whip.

Mr Patel told newsmen that the nature of the disciplinary action against those who had openly worked for an independent candidate Mr U. N. Mahida against the Party candidate, Mr Babubhai Vaidya, would be decided by the National executive scheduled to meet on June 1 and 2 at Madras.

Mr H. M. Patel will attend the meeting.

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