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**Masani Declines
To Withdraw His
Resignation** 25th

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Swatantra Leader M. R. Masani has turned down the appeal of the Central Parliamentary Board and National Executive of the Party that he withdraw his resignation from these bodies.

In a letter to the General Secretary of the Party, Mr. N. Dandekar, Mr. Masani has said that his decision was final and he had decided to adhere to the action he had taken.

Mr. Masani offered to resign from membership of the Parliamentary Board and Executive early in April following the conduct of some of the Swatantra Partymen in the elections to the Rajya Sabha from Gujarat. Disobeying the Party High Command's directive, Gujarat Swatantra MLAs had set up their own candidate against the candidate sponsored by High Command and helped him win the election.