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Action against Swatantra defectors

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NEW DELHI, April 14: The National Executive of the Swatantra Party today recommended unanimously, with the exception of Shri C. C. Desai, disciplinary proceedings against four Gujarat party members who sponsored the candidature of Shri Mahida for election to the Rajya Sabha resulting in the defeat of the official candidate and also against Shri Chandrakanth Parikh who acted as the Polling Agent.

Show cause notice will be forwarded to them.

Shri Mahida himself had already been suspended from the membership of the party.

Discussion on this issue lasted over two hours, during which there was a frank exchange of views.

The executive also took a decision to expel seven defectors in Gujarat and 16 in Rajasthan.

It unanimously appealed to Shri M. R. Masani to withdraw his resignation from the top posts of the party. His outstanding contribution to the growth and development of the party was mentioned, by almost all the

members. The Central Parliamentary Board too made a similar appeal to Shri Masani.

The Swatantra Party will fight tooth and nail the Insurance (amending) Bill sponsored in the Parliament by Deputy Prime Minister Morarji Desai.

The party described this piece of legislative measure as "unjustified and designed to interfere with the functioning of the Insurance Companies."

The party will soon make an appeal to the insurers, the general public and the insurance agents to campaign vigorously in defence of their rights as this Bill was quite unnecessary.