

Masani urged not to resign

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By Our Special Representative

NEW DELHI, April 13.—The Parliamentary Board of the Swatantra Party today decided to request Mr M. R. Masani, Deputy Leader of the party in Parliament, to withdraw his resignation from the Board.

Mr Masani had submitted his resignation from the Board and the National Executive of the Party, as an act of alignment against the defeat of a Rajya Sabha candidate, Mr Babubhai Valdia, in Gujarat, despite the commitment made to him of the Swatantra Party support. This commitment was made when Mr

Masani was the General Secretary

of the Party. Masani's resignation Mr Masani had been requested by the Board to attend the meeting here today. But he preferred to wear away. His immediate resignation to the Board's decision could not be had

as he was out of Delhi.

The Board spent nearly five hours discussing the various developments in the party in the last one year. The most important being the Gujarat trouble as a result of which Mr. Leader and the Deputy Leader of the Legislature party had also to step down.

Another issue that came up for detailed consideration was the reported resentment expressed by some Gujarat party members at the attitude taken by some Swatantra Party members in Parliament on the Kutch issue. The leaders of the Gujarat unit of the party, Mr H. M. Patel, Mr Bhadralal Patel and Mr Jaydeepsinhji of Bara were also present at the meeting.

The General Secretary of the party, Mr N. Dandekar, later told (Turn to Page 7, Col 8)

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Resolution moved by Mr.P.K.Deo and unanimously adopted by the
General Council

The General Council of the Swatantra Party views with concern
the growing interference of the Centre in the working of State
Governments and using the institution of Governor to instal minority
Governments in the States.