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Request to Masani

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members that the final decision on the various issues considered by the Board today, will be taken by the National Executive tomorrow.

On the proposed Kutch satyagraha due to start on April 21 the Board felt that members of the party, who wanted to take part in the satyagraha, should be allowed to do so on an individual basis. The party as such will not associate with it.

Kutch issue

Mr Dandekar admitted that leaders of the Gujarat unit had objected to the attitude of the Central leaders on the Kutch Award. But he declined to explain the specific objections raised. The party's attitude according to Mr Dandekar was that "however unfortunate the Award is, you cannot go back on it."

The leaders of the Gujarat unit are believed to have pointed out that this stand was unpopular in that State and might undermine the position of the party. At present it is the strongest unit of the party in any State.

The Board is also believed to have considered the question of support to United Fronts in various States. While the matter will be considered in greater detail at the meeting of the National Executive tomorrow, the consensus is believed to have been not to participate or support any United Front in which any of the Communist parties is a partner.

The prospects of the party in the coming mid-term poll in Haryana also came up. The party has still to announce its candidates and the number of seats it is going to contest. Some disappointment is believed to have been expressed that no alliance could be brought about between the Swatantra Party and the Jana Sangh in Haryana.

On the specific question of Mr Vaidya's defeat in the recent Rajya Sabha elections from Gujarat, there was a strong demand in the Parliamentary Board for disciplinary action against those leaders and MLAs responsible for this. Some other members of the Board, on the other hand, urged some compromise formula under which these people could be excused after they tender an apology.

Mr Dandekar later confirmed that Mr Mahida, who contested and defeated Mr Vaidya had already been suspended and asked for an explanation.

SWATANTRA PARTY

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.