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House without opposition leader

Ahmedabad, March 29 (UND)—The Gujarat Assembly was without a formally designated leader of the opposition today following Mr Bhailalbhai Patel's resignation as leader of the Swatantra Legislature Party.

Speaker Raghavji Leuva told the House this morning that the Swatantra Party had informed him of Mr Patel's resignation and its acceptance, but had not said who would take his place.

When Mr Sanat Mehta (PSP) referred to press reports that Mr Udesinh Vadodia would hold temporary charge as leader, the Speaker said he had no such information.

The Gujarat Swatantra Legislature Party, which met last evening, accepted the resignations of Mr Bhailalbhai Patel and Mr Jaldeepsinhji Baria as leader and deputy leader of the party who resigned following the election of a "dissident" party member to the Rajya Sabha yesterday.

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Gujarat Harijan MLAs end fast

Ahmedabad, March 29 (UND)—Harijan MLAs—Haribhai Doria, Manabhai Bhambhani and Palabhai Parmar—today withdrew their five-day-old fast to facilitate examination by the Government of their demand for the installation of a portrait of the late Dr B. R. Ambedkar in the Gujarat Assembly chamber.

In talks with Swatantra leaders, Bhailalbhai Patel and H. M. Patel, Chief Minister Hitenra Desai had insisted that the fast should be withdrawn before there could be any discussion on the demand.

SWATANTRA PARTY

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