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MASANI QUILTS SWATANTRA EXECUTIVE

Mr M. R. Masani, deputy leader of the Swatantra Party in Parliament, has resigned from the National Executive and the Central Parliamentary Board of the party in protest against the defeat of the official Swatantra candidate in the Rajya Sabha elections in Gujarat reports UNI.

In a letter to the party secretary Mr N. Dandekar, Mr Masani said he was resigning because of the failure of a large number of party members in the Gujarat Assembly to vote for the party's candidate in the Rajya Sabha elections.

Mr Masani's resignation from the party posts followed relinquishing of the leadership and deputy leadership of the party in the Gujarat Assembly by Mr Bhailal Patel and Mr Jaideep-singh for similar reasons.

Mr Masani has, however, assured the general secretary of his full support to the party especially in upholding its "disciplined and effective functioning".

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He recalled his assurance to the Gujarat leaders as the general secretary of the party in 1966 that the then leader of the Independent Progressive Group in the State Assembly, Mr Babubhai Vaidya, would be the party's candidate for the biennial elections to the Rajya Sabha and deplored the violation of this "solemn promise" by "a score of our members in the Gujarat legislature by joining hands with the Congress Party."

According to Mr Masani, his resignation from the party posts is "an act of atonement to those who have been let down by this breach of faith on the part of some of our colleagues and in the hope that this may stimulate the conscience of our party."

Mr Masani complained that "this unfortunately is not an isolated case but one more example of how the general demoralization in the political life of the country is finding its way into our own ranks."

Mr Masani has requested Mr Dandekar to place his letter of resignation before the next meeting of the National Executive and the Central Parliamentary Board on April 13 and 14.

"I shall not be present at the meetings," Mr Masani said in the letter.

SWATANTRA PARTY

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