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Congress-backed rebel victor

GUJARAT SWATANTRA MLAs DEFY WHIP

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AHMEDABAD, March 28.

UNION Labour Minister Jaisukhlal Hathi has won the Rajya Sabha seat from Gujarat in the elections held today. The other Congress candidate, Mr. Tribhuvandas Patel, also a seating member, has also been declared elected.

A Swatantra Party Member, U. N. Mahida, was also elected while the official candidate, Mr. Babubhai Vaidya, was defeated.

Despite a whip issued by Mr. Bhallaibhai Patel, the founder-leader of the Gujarat Swatantra Party and the Opposition leader in the Assembly, for voting in favour of the official party candidate, Mr. U. N. Mahida could obtain double the number of votes polled by Mr. Vaidya.

Mr. Mahida's election, made possible by the Congress second preference votes, amounts to a rebuff to the Swatantra leadership from its legislative ranks.

In Mysore the United Front Opposition leadership got a severe jolt and the Congress a minor shock in the elections.

Mr. Kolar Mallappa, Mr. Padri Putappa (sitting), Mr. B. T. Rempara (all Congress) and Mr. U. K. Lakshmanan Gowda (Ind.) were declared elected.

For the Legislative Council, Mrs. Leelamma Shivanappa, Mr. R. G. Dubey, Mr. K. Kannan and Mr. B. Rangappa (all Congress), Mr. Y. R. Parameswarappa (SSP), Mr. D. Munichappa (Ind.) and Mr. G. Venkata Gowda (Ind.) won.

In Madras Union Deputy Minister K. S. Ramaswami was one of the six elected.

Others elected were: Mr. Thillai Vilalan and Mr. G. A. Appan (both DMK), Mr. K. S. Ramaswami (Cong.), Mr. M. Rukhsawami (Swat.), Mr. M. R. Venkatesan (Marist) and Mr. Raja Mohideen (Muslim League).

In U.P. the following were declared elected. Congress: Mr. Shyam-dhar Mishra, Mr. Chandra Shekhar, Mr. A. P. Jain, Maulana Asad Madani, Mr. Ganeshi Lal and Dr. Chandra Dutt Pandey.

Jan Sangh: Mr. Pliambar Das, Mr. Man Singh Verma and Mr. Prem Manchar.

B.K.D.: Mr. Prithvi Nath Seth, S.S.P.: Mr. Gaura Murhari.

Independent: Mr. Sitaram Jai-puria.

In Punjab Mr. Gurmukh Singh Musafir (Cong.), former Chief Minister and Mr. Rattan Lal (Jan Sangh—United Front) were elected.

Giani Zail Singh, Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee president, is among the five candidates elected to the Punjab Vidhan Parishad.

Others are: Mrs. Sita Devi (Congress), Master Harisingh (CPI), Mr. Jivan Singh Umrangal (AKALI Sant—United Front) and Mr. Vish-wamitter (Punjab Janta Party).

In Himachal Pradesh Mrs. Satya-wal Dang (Congress) was declared elected.

In Bihar those declared elected are: Mr. A. P. Sharma and Mr. Mahabir Das (Cong.), Mr. B. K. Gupta and Mr. R. N. Jha (SSP), Mr. Suraj Prasad (CPI), Mr. Javadambi Prasad Yadav (JN) and Mr. R. K. Poddar (businessman) supported by the Soahit Dal.

In Orissa Mrs. Nandini Sath-pathy, Union Deputy Minister for Information and Broadcasting was reelected.

Two others elected are: Mr. Sundarmani Patel and Mr. Krishna Chandra Panda (Swat.).

In Madhya Pradesh, candidates of the Congress, Jan Sangh and the Lok Sevak Dal have been declared elected.

In Assam, Mr. Baharul Islam was declared elected.

The result about Mr. Gopal Bar-bara (SSP), who secured the largest number of votes, was withheld following objection raised by Congress members.

SWATANTRA PARTY

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

Relief for Orissa Cyclone Victims

This meeting of the General Council of the Swatantra Party extends its sympathies to the unfortunate victims of the recent cyclone that ravaged large areas of Orissa. The human suffering caused by this visitation of nature's fury has only added to the cup of sorrow of the people of Orissa already undergoing the effects of a three-year old drought.

This meeting of the General Council appeals

- a. to the Central Government to render maximum assistance financially and in other material ways to the State Government to enable the latter to provide in adequate measure material assistance like loans to agriculturists, house-building equipment and accelerate Relief Works such as the reconstruction of wells, tanks and medium scale irrigation Works; and
- b. to the people of India in general and to members of the Swatantra Party in particular to donate liberally to the Orissa Chief Minister's Relief Fund.