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Draft Message from Mr.M.R.Masani, President, All India
Swatantra Party to the Foodgrain Dealers Convention:

I am happy to know that the foodgrain dealers from all over the country have gathered in the Capital city to discuss their problems.

The Swatantra Party has always ^{been} opposed to the State Trading in foodgrains which not only helps to depress agricultural production in the country and blocks normal channels of distribution. We have also been opposed to the Government's policies regarding compulsory procurement and non-remunerative prices as in the process producers, dealers and consumers all suffer.

I hope the Government of India will belatedly, after listening to the deliberations of your Convention, drop its doctrinaire approach to this vital sector of our economy and will permit normal trade channels to function in the larger national interest.

= I wish all success to the deliberations of the Convention.

(M.R.MASANI)