

RESOLUTION ON THE STATE OF EMERGENCY HOLDING OF ELECTION
OF ELECTION AND SRI MORARJI DESAI'S FAST

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This meeting of the National Executive of the Swatantra Party offers its congratulations to Sri Morarji Desai on his decision to make the supreme sacrifice, if necessary, in *support of the cause of the defence of the democratic rights of the people of this country* in true Gandhian tradition by going on an indefinite fast and in support of the near unanimous demand for lifting of the State of emergency and holding of the long overdue elections to the Gujarat Assembly before the end of May 1975.

b)

This meeting is deeply shocked that the Ruling Congress Party for its own selfish ends has been deliberately misusing the Constitutional provisions for imposition of President's rule quite often, postponing elections to suit its convenience and creating a situation where one of the greatly respected national leaders has been put to the necessity of undergoing this ordeal in order to secure the democratic rights of the people of Gujarat to have their own elected government.

c)

This meeting further demands that the government should announce its intention immediately to hold the elections in any case before the onset of the monsoon and issue a proclamation revoking the emergency forthwith.

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The meeting also demands that suitable safeguards should be formulated to prevent misuse of the Constitutional provision for the imposition of President's rule by any political party in future.

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The meeting unanimously decides to observe a "Gujarat People's Day" by holding mass prayer meetings throughout India on Thursday the 17th instant to offer prayers to the Almighty to endow Sri Morarji Desai with strength to withstand the ordeal and achieve his objectives and pass resolutions supporting the demand of the people of Gujarat to have a duly elected government immediately.

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE ATTACK ON SRI J.P.

Resolution 2

The meeting condemns with all the force at its command the premeditated and dastardly attack of the CPI-Ruling Congress combine in West Bengal on Sri J.P. Narayan and his followers and for depriving him of ~~the~~ his constitutional right to address the students' gatherings at the University Institute and demands the dismissal of the Minister of W.Bengal who is reported to have led the hooligans and goondas who attacked the car in which J.P. was travelling and the endangering his life. It thanks Providence for saving Sri J.P. Narayan from the rowdy elements and the country from a great calamity. While the meeting took note of the regret reported to have been expressed by the Chief Minister of W.Bengal, Mr. Siddarta Sankar Ray, it wishes to point out that it is devoid of all grace and that his attempt to justify this attack on Sri J.P. on imaginary provocation is without foundation and truly despicable.