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"Mr. Girish Munshi, General Secretary of the All-India Swatantra Party, has released the following FIVE resolutions adopted at the Party's National Executive Meeting held at Bombay on 22nd January 1975, under the presidency of Mr. G.K.Sundaram.

Besides these resolutions, the Party drew up a programme for strengthening the Swatantra Party in Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Delhi. One of the Vice-Presidents, Mr. Harihar Patel and the General Secretary, Mr. Girish Munshi were directed to tour these States for the purpose."

Girish Munshi

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General Secretary.

Resolutions adopted by the National Executive
of the Swatantra Party at its meeting held
at Bombay on 22nd January 1975.

1. The National Executive of the Swatantra Party which had the benefit of meeting Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan before its meeting, reaffirms that the Swatantra Party would give its fullest co-operation and support to the movement led by him for cleansing public life of corruption, nepotism and oppression.

The Party feels that progress in the country cannot be achieved unless the movement for uprooting corruption succeeds.

The Party feels that Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan at present represents not only the voice of dissent but also moral values which alone can restore confidence in our countrymen about their future.

The Swatantra Party urges upon all patriotic people in the country to give up partisan attitude and join the movement under the leadership of Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan.

2. The Swatantra Party approves of the Electoral Reforms spelt out by the Electoral Reforms Committee appointed by Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, consisting of Messrs. V. M. Tarkunde, M.R. Masani, Purushottam Ganesh, Mavlanar, A.G. Noorani, Kirtideo Desai and E.P.W. D'Costa. The National Executive is of the view that without the safeguards for free and fair vote suggested by that Committee, confidence in the fairness of elections will not be restored.

The Swatantra Party urges upon the Government to adopt these electoral reforms without delay in the interest of fair elections.

3. The Swatantra Party is of the view that there is enough food grains in the country to meet the requirements of its people. It feels that the farmers of India, if given adequate water supply, fertilizers, and seeds of high yielding variety in time, are capable of producing surplus food grains.

The Party is opposed to existing restrictions on the inter-State movement of food grains, monopoly procurement by some States and on the imposition of levy on farmers in some areas of the country at uneconomic prices.

The Swatantra Party is of the view that unimaginative working of these restrictions and measures adopted by the Government have resulted in acute food shortage in many areas of the country and glut in others. On account of unimaginative food policy adopted by the Government, the consumers have to pay abnormally high prices for food grains and at the same time, farmers are deprived of remunerative prices for their produce.

The Swatantra Party urges upon the Government to reassess their food policy and to adopt suitable measures which will obviate the necessity of looking to foreign countries for our food requirements.

4. The Swatantra Party is much concerned that some of the steps recently taken by the Election Commission to rush through the preparation of electoral rolls by ~~the~~ short-circuiting the established procedures will not help to produce a correct and complete list of eligible voters and that this will vitiate the elections to be held in future even before they are held.

The Swatantra Party demands full enumeration of all eligible voters from house to house before publication of the preliminary rolls and sufficient notice to the people to lodge objections and applications before publication of the final rolls as contemplated under the rules.

5. The Swatantra Party notes with dismay that industrial production has been stagnating for the last many years. Most of the industries are working much below the installed capacity due to either want of raw materials, working capital and because of unnecessary controls on prices and distribution.

The Swatantra Party demands that all unnecessary controls, quota system hampering production should be abolished immediately and industries should be helped to achieve maximum production with optimum efficiency.