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Minutes of the Executive Meeting of the Swatantra
Party, Maharashtra held on 12th October 1974 at Bombay.

A meeting of the Executive Meeting of the Swatantra Party, Maharashtra was held on Saturday, the 12th October 1974 at 3.00 p.m. at the Party office at Bombay. The following members were present:

1. Mr. Parmanand Kejriwal - Chairman
2. Mrs. Manorama Dandekar
3. Mr. Girish Munshi
4. Mr. Babubhai Ginwala
5. Mr. Dhiraj Shah
6. Mr. Shaffi Pirzada
7. Mr. H.G. Vaishnav
8. Mr. K.B. Pandey
9. Mr. Sadhu Singh Thakkar
10. N.J. Barot
11. G.S. Dhende

12. Mr. Sumatilal Shah - Poona (By invitation)
13. Mr. Mr. R. Joshi "
14. Mr. Sitaram Singh "
15. Mr. B.B. Gupta "
16. Mr. Adi Narain "
17. Mr. P.S. Koppikar "
18. Mr. S.R. Pendse "
19. Mr. Biharilal Shah "
20. Mr. R. Ramakrishnan "
21. Mr. A.L. Saldanha "

22. Mr. Indukumar Thakkar was present for a little while.

1. Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 17th August 1974 were confirmed. The Chairman said that in future minutes will be read at the next meeting only as a measure of economy in paper.

2. Regarding programme of work, several programmes were discussed. Suggestions made by various members were taken into account and summary is as follows:

1. Take up grievances of hutment-dwellers.
2. Take up municipal grievances.
3. Take up constructive programme in conjunction with the Sarvodaya movement and other constructive works.
4. Help poor sections of the people to get ration cards and milk cards.
5. Take up with the B.E.S.T. and government as to how best conserve electrical energy which is being wasted in Bombay at present.
6. Disparity regarding subsidised milk for income-tax payers and others.

3. The Chairman suggested that in view of the situation created by the formation of BLD, it is necessary to co-opt members to the Executive Committee. The meeting authorised

the General Secretary to suggest names of some members who could be coopted to the Executive Committee at the next meeting.

4. Mr. Sumatilal Shah informed the meeting that all the Executive and State Council Members from Poona district have opted to remain with the Swatantra Party.

5. The members present were happy to note that with the exit of those members who joined the BLD, the Swatantra Party can no longer be accused of as the party of capitalists. It was decided to release a Press Statement to the effect that the Party is a common man's party.

With a vote of thanks to the Chair, the meeting terminated at about 6.00 p.m.

Chairman.