

RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL
CONVENTION OF THE SWATANTRA PARTY, NEW DELHI,
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The National Convention of the Swatantra Party has carefully considered the proposal placed before it that the Swatantra Party be dissolved to facilitate the formation of a new party.

While the Convention has noted that of the seven parties that are expected to be dissolved in a similar manner the Swatantra Party alone is a national party, it hopes that the leadership of the proposed new party will continue to make efforts to draw in their fold other major national democratic opposition parties to be able to provide a credible national alternative to the ruling Congress which is really the need of the hour.

The Convention notes the feeling of great disappointment expressed by many delegates about the proposal to dissolve the Swatantra Party on the ground that the principles and policies of the Swatantra Party continue to be as valid today as when they were formulated in 1959-1960 and that, had they been the policies of the Union Government, our country would not be in the present critical situation. However, in keeping with the spirit of the Swatantra Party's principle of providing freedom of choice and expression to various points of view within its ranks and in order to provide opportunities for functioning to those who hold conflicting points of view and to facilitate a decision by consensus, the Convention resolves that the Swatantra Party be and is hereby converted into a non-Party organisation named the Swatantra Sewa Sangh which will be solely devoted to the pursuit of educative and constructive activities in furtherance of the principles of the

Swatantra Party and which will eschew electoral and parliamentary activities at both the Union and State levels.

Through Swatantra ceasing to be a political Party and becoming a service organisation, it will be possible both for those who wish to join the proposed new party to do so with a good conscience and for those who wish to continue to educate the people of India about the validity of Swatantra principles and to serve the people of India in a constructive way to do so in their own way.

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