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Language Issue

By A Staff Reporter

Mr. K. M. Munshi said in a statement in Bombay on Friday that "there has been no correspondence whatsoever between Rajaji and myself on the language issue."

He was denying an agency report which had also stated that there was a serious split in the Swatantra Party on account of the difference among leading party members on this issue.

Mr. Munshi said: "The language question has not been discussed at the party level. According to the Constitution of the party, members are free to hold their individual opinions on matters not covered by the 21 directive principles of the party and the language issue is not one of them."

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Thiruvannamalai poll

Straight fight
between
Congress, DMK

TIRUVANNAMALAI, June 28 (PTI)—The Congress and the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam are pitted in a straight contest in the Tiruvannamalai by-election to the State Assembly, polling for which takes place tomorrow.

Campaigning in the constituency, with an electorate of 97,802, has been intense during the past month. State Chief Minister Kamaraj, with some of his Cabinet colleagues, has led the electioneering on behalf of the Congress.

Shri E. V. Ramaswami Naicker, leader of the Dravida Kazhagam, from which the Annadurai group broke away to form the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, has also been campaigning for the Congress candidate, Shri T. S. Bhadrachalam Pillai.

The DMK campaign has been led by Shri C. N. Annadurai and Shri V. R. Nedunchezian, general secretary of the party. Their candidate is Shri P. V. Shanmugham.

Shri C. Rajagopalachari, the Swatantra leader, in a message to the electorate, has appealed them not to vote for the Congress.

The by-election, the third for the present Assembly, has been caused by the death of the sitting Congress member, Shri Palani Pillai.

The first two by-elections, in Nanguneri and Bodinayakanur constituencies, were won by the Congress.