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PROCLAMATION

BY

His Highness Maharajadhiraj Raj Rajeshwar Sawai Shree
 Yeshwant Rao Holkar Bahadur, Knight Grand
 Commander of the Most Eminent Order
 of the Indian Empire,
 Maharaja of Indore.

Whereas We have felt for a long time past that the suppression of a large section of the Hindu community cannot be based on religious sanction; still less can it be justified on moral and humanitarian grounds.

And whereas lately We have become convinced of the urgent necessity of effective measures being adopted for the amelioration of the so-called depressed classes and the speedy removal of untouchability and the restrictions that follow in its wake.

And whereas, on a full investigation it has come to Our knowledge that the principal disabilities from which the depressed classes suffer relate to the following:—

1. Bar to Temple Entry.
2. Use of wells.
3. Use of Public places such as Hotels, Restaurants and use of public conveyances.
4. Residence in certain Mohallas.
5. Education in schools.
6. Recruitment in Government service.
7. Entry into Public buildings and Offices.
8. Wearing of certain ornaments, taking out of processions and performing certain ceremonies.

We have now come to the decision that the future policy of Our Government would be to take all possible and practicable steps to ensure a speedy removal of all social restrictions and disabilities to which the so-called depressed classes or Harijans have so far been subject:

In pursuance of that decision, We hereby Declare Our pleasure and Ordain and Command that

1. All State temples within the limits of the State be thrown open to Harijans for Darshan according to the rules that may be laid down by Us.
2. All existing public wells, as well as all wells constructed by the State hereafter, be invariably open to all classes alike. This is our policy, but in enforcing it, in regard to the existing public wells, the District Officers will act in their discretion according to local needs and circumstances.
3. All concerned should make it possible for the Harijans to have an unrestricted use of public places, such as hotels, restaurants and public conveyances.
4. Our Minister I/c Municipalities should, subject to his discretion in the light of the conditions and requirements of a particular locality, allow Harijans to build or own houses in all areas open to higher castes and communities.
5. Full and hearty effect be given to the existing orders relating to the unrestricted admission of the Harijans' children into State educational Institutions.
6. There shall be no restrictions in the matter of recruitment to State services, except where the incumbent has essentially to be recruited from a particular class or community.
7. All State public Offices and buildings are open to Harijans for entry.
8. There shall be no restrictions on the wearing of ornaments, the taking out of processions and performance of ceremonies.

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From

The Publicity Officer,

Holkar State,

Indore

To

The Editor,

The "Servant of India",

Poona.

Dated the 18th March 1939.

Dear Sir,

(ENCLOSURE) I enclose a copy of the latest order of His Highness the Maharaja Holkar reconstituting the Indore City Municipal Council and will thank you to publish a brief summary in your news columns, with your editorial comments.

I also enclose two copies of a recent address by the Judicial Minister on Social Legislation in Indore.

Yours faithfully,

H. Rao
Publicity Officer.