



Annual Report on the Working of  
the Backward Class Department  
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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. S. DEVADHAR,  
Backward Class Officer,  
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#### APPENDIX I.

*Important Subjects Discussed by the Backward Class Board in February 1938.*

Serial No.	Subject discussed.
1.	Judi on Mahar Inam lands.
2.	Amendment of the Primary Education Rules so as to make the admission of Scheduled Caste students in schools obligatory on the lines of the Madras Elementary Education Act.
3.	Admission of Backward Class teachers into training institutions.
4.	Taking over the management of the Depressed Class Hostel at Ahmedabad by Government.
5.	Standardization of the wages of sweepers in Municipalities and providing them with work uniforms.
6.	Registration of marriages amongst the Aboriginal Tribes.
7.	Starting of a Depressed Class Hostel for girls at Poona.
8.	Leasing of forest areas now lying barren to Scheduled Castes and the Aboriginal Tribes.
9.	Liquidation of debts of the Backward Classes to relieve them from the harassment of <i>sawkars</i> , etc.
10.	Starting of cottage industries such as poultry farming, weaving, etc., for improving the economic condition of the Backward Classes.
11.	Encouragement of contractors from amongst Scheduled Castes by giving them contracts for the work of constructing village wells and roads.