

The following agreement has been arrived at between leaders acting on behalf of the depressed classes and of the rest of the Hindu community regarding the representation of the depressed classes in the legislatures and certain other matters affecting their welfare:-

1. There shall be seats reserved for the depressed classes <sup>out of the general electorate</sup> in the Provincial Legislatures as follows:-

Madras 30 ~~out of 247~~, Bombay with Sindh 15 ~~out of 200~~, Punjab 8 ~~out of 175~~, Bihar and Orissa 18 ~~out of 175~~, General Provinces 20 ~~out of 147~~, Assam 7 ~~out of 103~~, North 30 ~~out of 224~~ = 230; the United Provinces 20 ~~out of 228~~ - total 148 ~~out of 1457~~ seats. These figures are based on the strength of the Provincial Councils announced in the Provincial Councils.

2. Election to these seats shall be by joint electorates subject however, to the following procedure:-

All the members of the depressed classes registered in the general electoral roll of a constituency will form an electoral college which will elect a panel of four candidates belonging to the depressed classes for each of such reserved seats by the method of the single vote and four persons getting the highest number of votes in such primary election shall be the candidates for election by the general electorate.

3. The representation of the depressed classes in the Central Legislature shall likewise be on the principle of joint electorates and reserved seats by the method of primary election in the number provided for in clause 2 above for <sup>their</sup> representation in the Provincial Legislatures.

4. In the Central Legislature 18 per centum of the seats allotted to the general electorate for British India

in the said Legislature shall be reserved for the depressed classes.

5. The system of primary election to a panel of candidates for election to the Central and Provincial Legislatures as hereinbefore notified shall come to an end after the first 10 years, unless terminated sooner by mutual agreement under the provisions of clause 6 below.

6. The system of representation of depressed classes by reserved seats in the Provincial and Central Legislatures as provided for in clauses 1 and 4 shall continue until determined by mutual agreement between the committees concerned in this notification.

7. The franchises for the Central and Provincial Legislatures for the depressed classes shall be indicated in the Lochan Committee Report.

8. There shall be no disabilities attaching to any one on the ground of his being a member of the depressed classes in regard to any elections to local bodies or appointment to the Public Services. Every endeavour shall be made to secure a fair representation of the depressed classes in those councils, subject to constitutional qualifications as may be laid down for appointment to the Public Services.

9. In every province out of the educational grant available and shall be guaranteed for providing educational facilities for the members of the depressed classes.

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