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Attention is invited to H.P.'s orders on page 4 ante, regarding the publication of the Draft Constitution. The major portion of the draft is now in press and, according to present plans, final copies are expected in a week's time. The following points require decision and orders in this connection:-

(1) Mode and type of printing.- The Chairman of the Committee has himself given directions to the Manager of the Government of India Press in this regard.

(2) Cover page.- Copies for the use of members of the Assembly may be bound in card board covers with <sup>light</sup> blue paper pasted on (as in the case of "Constitutional Precedents" volumes); copies for the public may be given blue paper covers.

It is understood that the Chairman of the Committee desires that the present Coat of Arms of the Constituent Assembly, which appears on the cover pages of all our publications, should be replaced, in the case of the Draft Constitution, by the new seal of the Government of India, with the addition of the <sup>as in the new post stamp</sup> inverted lotus at the bottom. As this involves a change of importance and significance, we may take H.P.'s orders in the matter. Members may point out that the seal should be either our existing one or the new seal of the Government of India without any addition or subtraction.

(3) Number of copies to be printed.- It is proposed that, in all, 10,000 copies may be printed. Out of these, 500 will be bound as indicated in para (2) above for the use of members. These 500 copies will also be inter-leaved with blank pages for the facility of members who wish to make notes against particular clauses. In view of the country-wide interest that has been evinced in the new Constitution, it is considered that 10,000 copies will not be too many.

(4) Publication in the Gazette.- The most convenient form in which this may be done is perhaps by publishing the Constitution in a Gazette Extraordinary. Probably by the end of this week, we shall be in a position to know the definite date on which the draft would be ready in complete form and we may then write to the Manager of the Press to arrange

for the issue of a Gazette Extraordinary on the date fixed for the purpose.

(5) Publication in the Press. - It is essential that so important a document as the draft of the new Constitution should be released to the press simultaneously, so that it will be possible to publish the draft on the same day and at the same time at least in the more important newspapers in India. This will mean that copies (marked "Not for publication before the morning of \_\_\_\_\_") will have to be given to the press at least three days before the actual date of publication so as to enable representatives of provincial papers to send copies to their papers by air mail. This procedure has the advantage that no important section of the press will have ground for complaint that certain newspapers got favoured treatment. The date of publication in the press should also coincide with the date of publication in the Gazette.

Another point for consideration in this connection is whether we should not convene a Press Conference at the time of giving copies to the press representatives. It may be of advantage if the Chairman of the Drafting Committee and the Constitutional Adviser could address the conference and explain the more important features of the Constitution. The pressmen may welcome such an opportunity, as it will enable them to give an objective <sup>and authoritative</sup> summary of the draft.

(6) Arrangements for sale of copies to the public. - This is usually undertaken by the Manager of Publications, Government of India, for all Government publications. We may therefore write to him and request him to arrange to send copies to his agents all over India. We may also tell him, as ordered by H.P., that arrangements should be made to make copies available even at railway station book stalls.

(7) Cost of the Draft Constitution. - H.P. has said in his orders that copies should be made available to the public at a cheap, if not nominal, price. The present Government of India Act is priced at 2 annas, and we may fix the same price for the Draft, though the latter will be



rather bigger in size and the cost of production quite heavy.

YHK  
15/2/48

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- K. S. Manabadi  
10-2-48

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We may consult

the Drafting Committee about  
these points.

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I have consulted the Drafting Committee and the instructions given by the Committee are stated below :-

Mode and type of printing and cover-page. - The Chairman of the Drafting Committee has already given instructions to the Manager of the Government of India Press in regard to these matters.

As the design of the cover-page has been approved by the Committee, I do not think we need trouble H.F. regarding the decision of the ~~Committee~~ Committee not to use the Coat of Arms of the Assembly on the cover-page.

Number of copies to be printed. - Copies to be supplied to the members of the Constituent Assembly should be inter-leaved with blank pages and bound in card-board covers. Five hundred copies will be necessary for the purpose. Copies will have to be also distributed to the members of all Provincial Legislatures. These copies will not be inter-leaved and need not have card-board covers ; 2000 copies will be necessary for the purpose. Besides the above, 10000 copies <sup>should</sup> be printed for sale to the public. These copies will have plain covers. The

types must be kept standing to enable additional copies to be printed for sale whenever required as there is likely to be a great demand <sup>for</sup> ~~of~~ copies for sale to the public.

Publication in the Gazette.- The Draft Constitution as settled by the Drafting Committee should be published for general information in an Extraordinary issue of the Gazette of India on the date on which it will be published in the press and arrangements should be made with the Manager of the Government of India Press for the purpose.

Publication in the press.- The draft of the new Constitution should be published in the Gazette of India and in the newspapers through<sup>out</sup> India on the same date. The actual date of such publication may be fixed in consultation with the Chairman of the Drafting Committee later on. It will be necessary to make over copies to the press for the purpose of such publication at least two days before the said date. This will have to be arranged after the copies have been finally printed.

The Chairman of the Drafting Committee does not favour the holding of a Press Conference and so no such conference need be convened.

Arrangements for sale of copies to the public.- Steps may be taken as suggested by U.S. in his note of the 10th February, 1948.

Cost of the Draft Constitution.- The Drafting Committee is of opinion that the price of each copy of the Draft Constitution should be fixed at Re 1/-.

*S. N. Mukerjee*  
(S. N. Mukerjee)  
21.2.48.

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23rd February 1948.

To


The Manager of Publications,  
Civil Lines,  
Delhi.

Dear Sir,

The Draft of the new Constitution of India as settled by the Drafting Committee of the Constituent Assembly is in Press at present and is expected to be released to the public by Thursday the 26th. It has been decided to make the Draft a priced publication and the price has been fixed at Rs. 1/- per copy. This office has given instructions to the Government of India Press to print up 10,000 copies. Of these 3,000 copies will be required by us and the remaining 7,000 will be sent to you direct from the Press. The Honourable the President of the Constituent Assembly is very particular that the widest possible publicity should be given to this document and copies should be made available on sale throughout India. He wants also arrangements to be made for sale of the copies by all book-sellers and at book-stalls at Railway Stations and other public places. It will also be necessary to arrange for sale of these copies outside India through your agents.


I shall be grateful if you will take all the necessary steps so as to see that copies will be available to the public everywhere with the least possible delay after the release date.

Yours truly,

Sd/-   
(S.N. Mukerjee)  
Joint Secretary.

Copy to:-

The Manager of Government of India Press for  
information and necessary action.

  
(S.N. Mukerjee)  
Joint Secretary.

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Council House,  
New Delhi,  
February 25, 1948.

Dear Mr. Sen,

First of all <sup>with L</sup> ~~Let~~ me thank you for the extremely efficient way in which the press ~~members~~ <sup>has</sup> completed <sup>the</sup> printing of the Draft Constitution of India. We got the first 200 copies just in time and we were able to distribute copies to the press correspondents as previously planned. I have brought to the notice of Sir B.N. Rau and Mr. Mukerjee the special effort made by the press and hope to send you a regular letter of appreciation of the work done by them.

We have still to supply to the members of the Constituent Assembly and others quite a number of copies and I am hoping to get at least one thousand copies from you to-day. The remaining copies can be sent to us to-morrow or the day after. I am sending Mr. Kewal Kishen of our office (who will be bringing this letter to you) so that he may ~~bring~~ <sup>take back</sup> with him as many copies as are available now. When do you think you will be able to supply the five hundred inter-~~leave~~ <sup>leave</sup> copies for use of the members of the Constituent Assembly? As I had already told you, they should be bound (open binding) with card-board covers <sup>with</sup> ~~and~~ Calico back.

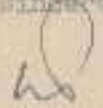
I hope you are making arrangements for printing the copies which are to be placed on sale. I was told that the price, Rs. 1, would be printed <sup>at</sup> ~~on~~ the back of the cover page. As the public would be expecting copies in all Government Book Stalls by to-morrow, efforts

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should be made to supply as many copies  
to the Manager of Publications as possible.

I shall be grateful if you let  
me know, at your earliest convenience, as to  
the steps you have taken to print the  
remaining copies.

Yours sincerely,



A.C. Sar, Esquire,  
Manager,  
Government of India Press,  
New Delhi.





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PHONE : 3543  
GRAMS: INTELROOM

NEW DELHI

18th February 1948

My dear Mr. Padmanabham,

I am herewith sending four positive copies of the cover design for the Draft Constitution of India. The printed copies will come out exactly in this nature. These copies are being sent for the preview of both the Chairman and yourself.

Yours Sincerely,  
*C. Biswas*  
(C. BISWAS)

K. V. Padmanabham Esq.,  
Under Secretary,  
Constituent Assembly of India  
NEW DELHI





Council House,  
New Delhi,  
February 20, 1948.

Dear Mr. Biman,

Many thanks for your kind letter No. 61/34 of the 19th February and for the photographic copies of the cover design for our Draft Constitution. I showed the sample copy to the Hon'ble Dr. Ambedkar and to the other members of the Drafting Committee. They were intensely pleased with the whole design, particularly the reproduction of the Lion Capital. We are awaiting samples of the printed copies of the cover page and I shall let you know how the design fares on the printing machine.

As I have already told you, Dr. Ambedkar would like to have six more copies of the photographs which you had made for the cover design. He had asked me to thank you for the very fine work that you have done for us, particularly at a moment when we were so much rushed for time.

Yours sincerely,

(R.V. RAJANATHAN),

C. Biman Esq.,  
Assistant Director,  
Administrative Intelligence Room,  
New Delhi.

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*Forwarded  
L.H.*

Council House,  
New Delhi,  
February 24, 1948.

Dear Mr. Biswas,

As promised on the telephone I am sending herewith the original of the design you had made for the cover page of the Draft Constitution. The Hon'ble Dr. Ambedkar wants a photographic plate of the Central <sup>arch</sup> design of the Lion Capital (without any of the lettering or the frame) from which he can make photographic copies. He also wants a block to be made of this centre piece which can be used for printing purposes. These are for his own private use and he has asked that the bills therefor should be submitted to him. Would it be possible for you to fix these things up? If you want my assistance in sending the design to the block makers, kindly let me know. Since Dr. Ambedkar is going away to Bombay on the 26th instant, he would like to get the photographic plate as well as the block by the 25th evening at the latest.

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
(K.V. PARAMAHAN),

G. Biswas, Esquire,  
Assistant Director,  
Administrative Intelligence Room,  
New Delhi.

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The 26 -11- 1948.

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To: The Secretary, Constituent Assembly of India,  
Council House, New Delhi.  
SUBJECT: Draft Constitution of India  
(English).

Sir,

The stock of the above publication has run down to 10 copies only. If deemed necessary arrangements for its replenishment may kindly be made at an early date, the opportunity being taken to revise and bring it up-to-date.

The publication is in demand.

~~There is only a very small demand for the publication.~~

~~There is no demand for the publication.~~



I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

*Yours faithfully*

Asstt. Manager of Publications.

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No. CA.108/Cons/47. Dated 28/11/48

To

The Manager,  
Government of India Press,  
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

The Manager of Publications,  
in his letter No.P-272/6/48, dated  
the 26th November 1948, reports that  
his stock of the Draft Constitution  
of India (English) has exhausted and  
that he is left with only 10 copies.  
He further reports that there is a  
heavy demand for this publication.  
I am therefore to request you kindly  
to print off another ~~1,000~~ <sup>1000</sup> copies of  
the same and supply these to the  
Manager of Publications, Civil Lines,  
Delhi, for sale purposes.

This may please be treated as

immediate.

Yours truly,

U.S.

Copy to the  
Manager of Publications,  
Civil Lines, Delhi, for  
information.

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