

Part IV

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## खुला प्रार्थना पत्र

सेवा में :—

श्री मान महामन्यवर पं० आत्मा राम गोविन्द जी रवेर,

पालिंगमेन्ट्स बिल्डिंग लोकल सेल्फ गवर्मेंट संयुक्त प्रान्त  
(in Camp at) फर्मस्कानाद

श्री माननीय महाद्धर्मजी,

मादर नभ निवेदन है कि भारतवर्ष के राजनीतिक क्षेत्र में पिछड़ी

हुई हिन्दू जातियों की संख्या लगभग १५४ करोड़ श्रावात् चौधारी से श्रीधरक है।

सन् १९०१ की गणानामुदार (उसके पश्चात् की गणानाओं में अंकड़े उस रूप में  
नहीं पाये जाते) फर्मस्कानाद जिला की जन संख्या लगभग ८ लाख भी जिसमें से

केवल एक लाख छः हज़ार से कुछ श्रीधरक मुसलमान थे वाकी जीने छाड़ लाख

हिन्दुओं में से केवल हमारी दो तीन जातियों की ही संख्या दो लाख से श्रीधरक

थी इसी प्रकार फर्मस्कानाद फेतहगढ़ चुंगी की जन संख्या उस समय ६७३३८ थी

जिसमें से ४३८५१ हिन्दू तथा १८६०३ मुसलमान थे जिनको शाज कोड़ में १६ में

से ५ सौं मिली हुई है परन्तु हमें वेचार श्रमजीवियों के लिये, चौधारी से कहीं  
श्रीधरक होते हुए भी, एक स्थान तक सुरक्षित नहीं है क्यों कि तीन सौं को

ते इसाई, दालित तथा स्त्री श्रीतीनीधियों ने ████████ पर रखा है श्रीर वचों हुई

पर कायस्थ, बाहुदारा उपर्यवा वैश्य सज्जनों ने उपनी चतुरता, जातीपता उपवा  
केवल धन के बलबूते पर ही उपना श्रवंड उभुलं श्रीर उपकार स्थापित कर

रखा है। डिस्ट्रिक्ट कोड में तीन लाखों के भाग का निवारा केवल एक महा

पुरुष द्वारा हो रहा है। ऐसी दुर्दशा में हम उपना करुरा ऊन्दन श्री मान को

चौड़कर श्रीर किसे सुनावें? क्या स्वतंत्रता के इस नवयुग में भी हम उपने भाष्य

को ही कोसिते रहे?

सुना जाता है कि श्री मान जीसे प्रजावत्सल श्रीर कृपानीधियों की  
कृपा से इन बोडी की शासन बोली श्रीर जीत में वैद्यानिक परिवर्तन शीघ्र हो  
होने जा रहा है उपर्यवा निवेदन है कि कायस्थ, बाहुदारा इलादि से पृथक हम  
लोगों की लगभग चौधारी स्थान मिलने का उचित उपन्य किया जाने यों कि  
ऐसा न होने से ही बोडी के दफ्तरों में जो दरा हमारी हो रही है उसको सुन  
कर भय है कि श्री मान की महान आत्मा की उपस्थिति दुर्लभ उपर्यव होगा।

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All Assam Manipuri Conference held at Malugram Silchar.

This conference of the Manipuries of Assam, held at Malugram, Silchar, on 8-1-47 with Sreejut Sanahal Singha Rajkumar in the Chair, most emphatically urges that the demand that the Manipuries be recognised as a distinct Minority (as adumbrated in the appeal dated 20th December 1946 and signed by Sreejut Kamal Singha, President Assam Bengal Manipuri Society, Silchar, and others which is being submitted to political leaders) be accorded favourable consideration to.

This conference earnestly joins in the prayer (as embodied in the appeal referred to above) that the Manipuries be granted a seat in the Advisory Committee contemplated in para 20 of the state paper of the 16th May 1946.

This conference further resolves that a deputation led by Sreejut Bidyapati Singha M.L.A. (Congress) Assam, he sent to Mahatmaji for his valuable advice and to some prominent political leaders for proper clarification of the wants and grievances, legitimate right and political demand of the Manipuries.

Sd/- Sanahal Singha Rajkumar.

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Copy submitted to S. Acharya J.B. Krishnan  
Congress president.

Kamal Singha  
President Assam Bengal Manipuri Society,  
Silchar.

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UTKAL INDIAN CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

CUTTACK.

The 30th December, 1946.

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To

Asharyya Karpalini  
New Delhi

Sir,

I beg to forward herewith copies of the resolutions passed at the last Conference of the Utkal Indian Christian Association held on the 28th December 1946 under the presidency of Hon'ble Rev. J.J.Nichols Roy, Minister of Assam for information and necessary action.

I have the honour to be,

UTKAL INDIAN CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

CUTTACK.  
The 30th December 1946.

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To

SECRETARY.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. This Conference of the Utkal Indian Christian Association records its deep satisfaction at the advent of the new era in the political life of India, acknowledges that this is mainly the achievement of the unwearied struggle and sacrificial suffering of the Indian National Congress and pledges its co-operation and support in all nation building efforts.
2. Resolved that in the future Constitution of the country, clear provisions be made to ensure full liberty of faith, practice and propagation.
3. The Association records with deep regret and disappointment that in spite of representations no Indian Christian of Orissa was chosen for the Constituent Assembly. It is apprehended that the legitimate interests and claim of Orissa Christians who have their own special problems will not receive due recognition or consideration unless an Indian Christian from Orissa be selected for the Advisory Committee on the rights of minorities.
4. In view of the fact that the peculiar contributions of all minorities irrespective of numerical strength should be made available in all local bodies under the new Constitution, it is resolved that adequate representation should be given to the Christians in Orissa in every local body under the new Constitution.

5. Resolved that during the next five years efforts be made to build up a fund of Rs.10 lakhs for the general and economic advancement of the Christians in Orissa, and with a view to this end an appeal be made to every earning Christian in Orissa to contribute one-fifth of his or her one month's income by instalments or otherwise within five years.
6. Resolved that copies of the resolutions be sent to the Central and Provincial Governments and the Press, the Members of the Constituent Assembly from Orissa, Working Committee members and the Christian members of the Constituent Assembly.

(Adopted unanimously).

Sd. J.J.M.Nichol Ray

Received to be signed 28/12/46.

To build up a fund of Rs.10 lakhs for the general and economic advancement of the Christians in Orissa, and with a view to this end an appeal be made to every earning Christian in Orissa to contribute one-fifth of his or her one month's income by instalments or otherwise within five years.

The Berhampur Andhra Sabha.

President: Sri A.V.Subbarao, Advocate.

Vice-President: Rao Saheb M.Sitaranamswami, Advocate.

Secretaries: Sri E.Raghunadham & J.R.Gorti, Pleaders.

To RaservaPati J.R. Kripalani  
President, Indian National Congress,  
New Delhi.

Sir,

I am directed to communicate the following resolution passed unanimously by the Executive Committee of the Berhampur Andhra Sabha on 27-12-1946 to you for favour of consideration and necessary action.

Resolution.

The Andhra Sabha Berhampur requests that to represent the special grievances under which the Andhras are suffering in this part of Orissa a member of this area be co-opted and taken into the Minority Committee of the Constituent Assembly and suggests the following names from whom the selection may be made.

1. Sri G. Marayananamurti, M.L.A., (Orissa) Advocate, Berhampur.
2. Sri D.V. Ramarao, M.A., B.L., Berhampur.
3. Sri M.V.Ramanarao, B.A., Journalist, Berhampur.

Berhampur  
Andhra  
Sabha

*E Raghunadham*  
Secretary.

29/12

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## AN APPEAL

TO

All Political Leaders who are engaged in framing the  
Constitution of free India.

Ladies and Gentlemen ; We the undersigned, on behalf of the Manipuris of Assam Province residing outside the Manipur State, beg to bring to your kind notice the following facts for your kind consideration and valuable support for RECONITION of THE MANIPURIS of assam as a DISTINCT MINORITY requiring special treatment in the future constitution of the Country.

That we, the Manipuris, numbering more than two lakhs are permanent inhabitants of different localities in the Province of Assam having our separate language, Script, Tradition, Culture and Social Structure and thereby forming a Distinct Minority Community.

That though Providence has placed us in the midst of other alien Communities, we have retained our distinct entity for the last two centuries inspite of unfavourable political and economic forces working against us.

That during these two centuries of our chequered existence cut off from the mother land, we were not helped by the Government of the day to improve our humble lot in any walk of life and as a result we are still one of the most backward communities of India so far as modern education, economic condition and political status are concerned.

That in the constitution Act of 1935, the Manipuris were forced to merge in the General Community against their will and their case went by default due to the absence of sufficient number of educated and Politically conscious persons among them and as a result they had no voice so far in shaping their destiny and improving their miserable condition in line with other sister communities inhabiting the Province of Assam.

That matters went from bad to worse. In the Census of 1941, unlike that of 1931, the Manipuris were not enumerated separately, whereas the Ahoms though ranked among the Caste Hindus and almost equal in number with the Manipuris ( Outside Manipur state ) and having a common Language and Culture with other Assamese speaking people, had separate enumeration and special provisions made, for their proportionate representation in the different branches of Public Services and the local bodies in Assam.

That from the bitter experience of the past, we are seriously apprehensive that we shall lose our distinct language, culture, and Tradition i. e. the very existence, if our rights and privileges are not duly safeguarded in the future constitution of the Country, specially of the Province of Assam.

That unless THE MANIPURIS ARE REPRESENTED IN THE FUTURE LEGISLATURE OF ASSAM according to their population as a DISTINCT MINORITY of the PROVINCE, we are afraid, our rights and privileges may not be safeguarded.

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AN APPEAL

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All Political friends who are engaged in running the

Congress in India to the

In view of the above facts and circumstances we most earnestly request you and fervently hope that you will all kindly lend your valuable support in securing for the Manipuris, a poor and long neglected Community at least ONE SEAT in the ADVISORY COMMITTEE to be set up for placing the cases of the MINORITIES before the Union Constituent Assembly so that our case may be represented in a proper and effective way before the Constituent Assembly for due consideration.

We remain,

in the service of Mother India.

1. Kamal Singha, President, Assam Bengal Manipuri Society, Silchar.
2. Girish Chandra Singh, " Surma Valley Manipuri Association.
3. Benode Behari Singh, " Cachar Manipuri Sangrakhani Samittee.
4. Gandhar Singh, " Hailakandi Manipuri Teling Sabai Samittee.
5. Amar Singh, " Manipuri Student Congress.
6. Nilmani Singh, " Manipuri Youth Union.
7. Dhareswar Singh General Secretary, All Assam Manipuri Congress.
8. Bidyapati Singh, M. L. A. (Congress) Assam.

20/12/46

N. B.—All correspondences may kindly be made with the President, Assam Bengal Manipuri Society, Silchar, C / O, Khadem Brothers & Co., Station Road, Silchar, Dist. Cachar (Assam)

Memo No. 2/47/123/34 Date 15th January 1947.

Submitted to Sreejut Acharya J. B. Kripalani, Congress President, New Delhi.

Kamal Singha

President Assam Bengal Manipuri Society,  
Silchar.

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*Consequently*  
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Bhawanigarh,  
Patiala State.

Dear Sir,

We are passing through very critical times when the whole future of our country is on the anvil. Every step at this moment can make or mar the whole future of our country and community. After consideration of some of the leaders of the Panth we come to the conclusion that we, as Sikhs, cannot protect our culture, religion and honour without having some effective power somewhere. With this point of view the Sikh leaders of the Punjab States gathered at Sangrur on 2nd February to consider ways and means to consolidate the power of the Sikhs of these States. They have unanimously adopted the following resolution:-

1. "This meeting of the representatives of the Sikh residents of the Punjab States unanimously resolves that the States of Patiala, Nabha, Jind, FaridKot, Kalsia, Kapurthala and Malerkotla should be grouped together to form one unit in the coming constitution of India for the population of these States is above 33 lakhs and its annual revenue is about 5 crores. This unit will be an agricultural one and its residents are bound together by the ties of common language, culture, nationality, modes of living and economic interests. Therefore this meeting draws the attention of the rulers of these States, their governments, British Government, Narendra Mandal, President and members of the Constituent Assembly, Political Agent and interested parties and an organisation to the proposal made by this meeting. In the opinion of this meeting there will be difficulties in future if this proposal fails to materialise." The area and population of the Sikh States is as follows:-

Name of the State.	Area in Sq. Miles.	Population:
Patiala.	5942.	19,36,215.
Jind.	1299.	3,61,863.
Nabha.	947.	4,40,044.
Kapurthala.	645.	3,78,380.
FaridKot.	637.	1,99,283.
Kalsia.	188.	67,393.
MalerKotla.		

It will be clear from this table that none of these

States, except Patiala, can hope to survive as an independent entity as soon as the constitution of the federated India comes into being. Already the Crown Representative has, through a statute, brought about the merger of various Kathiawar States. A similar merger may take place in the case of other small States, because out of 562 States, hardly 25 stand the chance of existence as political units. It is, therefore, in the interest of the rulers of the smaller Sikh States to bring about their administrative intergration with Patiala. Sikhs are deeply concerned in this matter because they feel that such an intergration will create for their community a Sikh majority unit where their culture may find means of expression. This greater Sikh States will compare very favourably in area as well as in population with some of the most modern States of Europe, as the following table will make clear:-

Name of the State.	Area in Sq. Miles.	Population
Denmark.	16,575.	3,85,000
Ireland.	27,132.	29,65,000
Switzerland.	15,944.	42,78,000
Belgium.	11,775.	
Norway.		29,32,000

With a yearly income of about Rs. 5 Crores and with vast Possibilities of development of its untapped resources, it will be a unit lagging behind neither in economics an cultural uplift of its people nor in asserting its individuality whenever need be. It will have a large number of Sikh youths encompassed within its fold and, given military training, they can prove a very valuable asset to the defence of the Sikhs to secure for themselves a National Home in the Punjab materialises, as it must one day, then these two units with powerful Sikh influence will play a decisive roll in the history of India.

The total Population of the above mentioned Seven States communitywise is as follows:-

Sikhs.	13,05,428.
Muslims.	8,91,720.
Hindus.	9,34,932.
Scheduled Castes.	2,03,137.

Yours truly,  
Pritam Singh  
(Pritam Singh Gujran)

President,  
Shiromani Riasi Akali Dal.

THE TRICHY NATIONALIST CATHOLICS' SANGHAM  
**திருச்சி தேசிய கத்தோலிக்கர் சங்கம்,**

TRICHINOPOLY.

தலைவர் :

A. இருதயசாமி, M.A., B.L.  
 President: A. Hirudayasami,  
 கார்யதாச : M.A., B.L.  
 C. துரை

பொக்கிவுதாரர் :

A. குழந்தைசாமி பிள்ளை

33, சேக்கடித்தெரு, பாலக்கரை,

**திருச்சினைப்பள்ளி.**

தேதி 3rd December 1946.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held on

24.11.46 the following resolutions were passed:-

(1) That the following Fundamental Rights be incorporated in the Constitution to be framed by the Constituent Assembly which is to meet on the 9th December, 1946.

(a) The right to profess, practise and propagate religion in private and in public.

(b) The right to have the view of affected minority (to be ascertained from recognised authorities or representative organisations) prevail in all matters of administration in which religion or culture or special rights or liberties are involved.

(c) The right to an equitable allocation of public grants for education, religious or charitable purposes.

(d) The right to have their personal law to regulate their marriage, family relationships and other matters of personal life which are influenced by the religious or moral ideas that prevail among the minorities.

(2) That representation of Christians in Legislatures, Provincial and Central, be by Joint Electorates.

*Hirudayam*  
 PRESIDENT

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*Replied to*  
 31/12/46

*L. K. Curzon*

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THE TRICHY NATIONALIST CATHOLICS' ASSOCIATION, TRICHINOPOLY.

திருச்சி தேசிய கத்தோலிக்கர் சங்கம்,

resident: A. Hirudayasamy, M.A., B.L.

தலைவர் :

A. இருதயசாமி, M.A., B.L.

காரியத்துறை :

C. துரை

பொக்கிவைதாரர் :

A. குழந்தைசாமி பிள்ளை

33, சேக்டிட்டெரு, பாலக்கரை,

திருச்சினுப்பள்ளி.

தேதி 29. 11. 1946 .

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 24.11.46,

the following resolution was unanimously passed:-

"This Sangham views with deep concern the policy of the Government of India as enunciated recently by Sri C.Rajagopalachariar, Member for Education, on the floor of the Assembly that the Harijan Fund will be used for the amelioration of the Hindus only; and strongly urges that this State Fund should be used irrespective of creed, as persistence in the present policy will violate Freedom of Religion and the Fundamental Rights so solemnly and repeatedly declared by the Congress."

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary.