

How the Constitution Was Made

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

Members of the Constituent Assembly	308
First meeting of Assembly	9 December, 1946
Final meeting for adoption of Constitution	26 November, 1949
Total time taken	2 years 11 months and 18 days
Number of sessions	11
Number of visitors during the sessions	53,000
Total expenditure on Constituent Assembly	Rs. 63,96,729
Draft Constitution prepared by Constitutional Adviser contained	243 Articles and 13 Schedules
Draft Constitution presented by Drafting Committee to Constituent Assembly contained	315 Articles and 8 Schedules
Total number of amendments to Draft Constitution given notice of	7,635 (approximately)
Total number of Amendments actually moved	2,473
In final form Draft Constitution contains	395 Articles and 8 Schedules

Comparative figures of time taken by other nations in framing their constitutions:—

U.S.A.	—	4 months for 7 Articles
Canada	—	2 years, 5 months for 147 Articles
Australia	—	9 years for 128 Articles
South Africa	—	1 year for 153 Articles
INDIA—2 years 11 months 18 days for 395 Articles, 8 Schedules and 2,473 amendments.		