

Minutes of the meeting of the  
Steering Committee held on 24.11.1949.

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Present:

1. The Hon'ble Dr. Rajendra Prasad  
(Chairman)
2. The Hon'ble Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
3. Shri Suresh Chandra Majumdar
4. Shri Surendra Mohan Ghosh
5. Shrimati G. Durgabai
6. Giani Gurmukh Singh Musafir.

The following members were present by  
special invitation:-

1. The Hon'ble Shri Jawaharlal Nehru
2. The Hon'ble Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
3. Shri T.T. Krishnamachari.

The Committee considered the question of  
a National Anthem for India. The Prime Minister  
explained the merits and advantages in adopting  
'Janaganamana' for the purpose. Shri Suresh  
Chandra Majumdar put forward ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> case for  
'Vendemataram'. After considerable discussion  
it was agreed that 'Janaganamana' should be  
the National Anthem but that 'Vendemataram'  
should also be assigned a status equivalent  
to 'Janaganamana'. The President was authorised  
to draft a suitable resolution for the purpose  
to be placed before the Constituent Assembly  
during its session in January.

The Committee further decided that in view  
of the fact that the National Anthem will also  
have to be considered by the Assembly during its  
January session, a one day meeting as proposed  
earlier would not be sufficient. It was  
accordingly decided that the Assembly should meet  
on the 24th and 25th.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar mentioned that there was  
a suggestion that instead of having a session

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just before 26th January, 1950, as proposed,  
it might be more economical to have a session  
immediately after the conclusion of the  
Constituent Assembly of India (Legislative)  
session in December. This was not however  
agreed to. 7

New Delhi,  
November 24, 1949.

S.N. Mukerjee,  
Joint Secretary.



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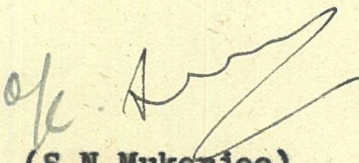
New Delhi, the.. 23rd November 1949.

Dear Sir,

A meeting of the Steering Committee will be held today at 1 p.m. in the room of the Hon'ble the President in the Lobby of the Constitution Hall to consider the question of the National Anthem for India. I am desirous to request you to attend the meeting.

A copy of the notice of the meeting is enclosed.

Yours truly,

  
(S.N. Mukerjee)  
Joint Secretary.

The Hon'ble Dr. B.R. Ambedkar  
Shri T.T. Krishnamachari



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Council House,  
New Delhi.  
November 23, 1949.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The meeting of the Steering Committee fixed for  
1 p.m. today will now be held instead at 9.30 a.m. tomorrow  
(24.11.1949) in the room of the Hon'ble the President in  
the lobby of the Constitution Hall, Council House, New Delhi.

S.N. Mukerjee  
Joint Secretary.

To

All members of the Steering Committee.

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