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Bar Council Office, 10
High Court,
Allahabad

11/12/47 Me 27 Nov 47.

Mr. Nair 11/12/47
Sy No. 312/Law
A/29

Dear Sir,

I shall be obliged
for information as to whether
draft copies of the Constitution
of the Dominion of India will
be published and made avail-
able to the public before its
being discussed & finally passed
by the Constituent Assembly.

Soliciting a Reply.

Yours truly
Shrihar Sahai
Secretary
Bar Council,
Allahabad.



DEPARTMENT/OFFICE.

Draft Letter
 Memorandum
 Telegram

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To

The Secretary,
Bar Council,
High Court,
Allahabad.

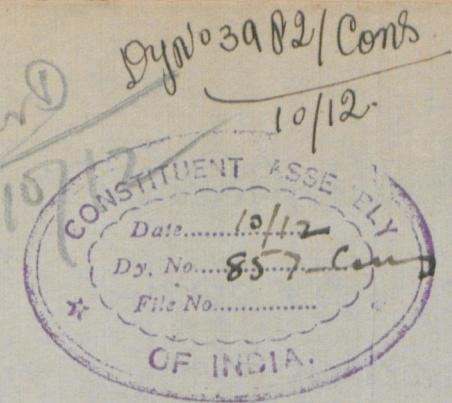
Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the
27th November, 1947 I ~~am desired~~ ^{regret} to say that at
this stage no positive reply can be given to your
enquiry whether the draft Constitution will be
published for general information before it is
actually considered by the Constituent Assembly.

Yours truly,

A.S.

Done.
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5/12/47.



S. NO 11

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Bar Council Office,
High Court
Alahabad
the 8th Dec '47.

Dear Sir,

Thanks for yours of the 6th
Dec 47, in reply to an enquiry
about publication of the Draft
Constitution.

Will you please
arrange to place the
matter for consideration of the
Constituent Assembly, so that
the Draft Constitution may be
only published, and the
Assembly may have the ~~advantage~~
advantage of the public

express their opinion about the draft constitution before

Proposed by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

reaction to its proposal at
the time of passing the Constitution
^{Prepublication}
Preparation of the Draft
Constitution is in consonance
with the democratic principles
and in accordance with the
procedures of legislation and
in view of the importance of
the Constitution to the public,
I hope that the Constituent
Assembly will approve
the suggestion & order its publication
before it is considered & passed.
In inviting attention

A. Dhananjaney
M.D.L. Dec 47.

Yours truly
Saribhat Sahai
Secy.
Bar Council.

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No. CA/108/Cons/47

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13th December, '47.

To:-

The Secretary,
Bar Council,
High Court,
ALLAHABAD.

Dear Sir,

I am desired to acknowledge your letter dated 8-12-47 urging the desirability of the publication of the Draft Constitution of India before it is considered by the Constituent Assembly. No final decision has yet been taken on the question.

Yours truly,

(K.V.PADMANABHAN)
UNDER SECRETARY.

Issue No. 2916
Ranjan
13/12/47.

'SHARMA'

Dy. No. 3977/Cards
Dy. No. 1012/15
To Mr. K.L. S. No 13

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The Secretary, Constituent Assembly, Bharatvarsa Dominion,
Delhi.

Dated Pachonia, P.O. Jorighopa, Goalpara, Assam, The 15th November,
1947.

Sir,

I have the honour to approach you to know whether the public have any right, apart from their representation through elected members, to suggest any improvement, or of pointing out any defect in the draft constitution, this by directly addressing you some letter, or indirectly informing the Assembly through news-papers.

Sir, if the news-paper reports of the proceedings of the Constituent Assembly be relied upon, there are some grave defects in the draft constitution upon which the future Government is likely to founder. The attempt to fit some features of the unitary Government in the federal structure has not been successful, and the result will produce anomaly in actual administration.

So, may I know whether the public be allowed to express their opinion about the draft constitution before final enactment, and if be supplied with copies of the draft whenever that is sought for? If the enact must be not taken as expeditious, the best course will be to invite public opinion.

If there be no is no direction to the contrary, may I request you to supply me a copy of the draft Constitution to ~~critically~~ all aspects of the constitution?



I remain, Sir, yours truly,
Paramananda Das.

S. No 14

No.CA.108/Cons/47.

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12th December, 47.

To:

Shri Paramananda Das,
Village Pachoria,
P.O.Jogighopa,
Goalpara (ASSAM).

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 1st November 1947, I regret to say that at this stage no ^{definit} positive reply can be given to your enquiry whether the Draft Constitution will be published for general information & comments before it is actually considered by the Constituent Assembly. I may however add that this question will receive due consideration at the appropriate time.

Yours truly,

Issue No 250
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(K.V.PADMANABHAN)
UNDER SECRETARY.

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T. R. VENKATARAMA SASTRI

"KAUSTUBHA"

PRESIDENT, COUNCIL OF EDWARD ELLIOT ROAD,
ASSEMBLY OF MYLAPORE, MADRAS.

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No.....43748.....PDA

Dear Dr. Rajendra Prasad,

On the 25th inst. the Council of the Liberal Federation passed a resolution to the effect that at least a month's time should be given to the general public to study and offer suggestions as to the final draft of the constitution to be submitted to the constituent assembly for final adoption. Even a month is perhaps insufficient for the purpose. I have some reason to think that people who may not agree to some provisions, or who may seriously differ ~~as~~ ⁱⁿ them do not feel it possible to raise their voice against the leaders at the top. For example, I may give ^{the} election of Governors by adult suffrage. Many disagree but none seems to have raised any objection. Speaking for myself, the time is not yet when adult suffrage can be introduced in this country for any purpose. I know all may not agree. It strikes me that publication in February when the

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T. R. VENKATARAMA SASTRI

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when the draft is expected to be ready
may be useful.

RPT
Feeling some doubt as to whether
those in authority may or may not agree
with our views as to publication, I cite
a great writer :

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Constituent Assembly of India
How, when and by whom is the constitution of a resuscitated country to be drawn. Too frequently the answer is: by the people, and at once.

This is both simple and popular ***
A moment's reflection is enough to show how fallacious it is. A constitution is the fundamental law of the nation.
*** It should be prepared in an atmosphere of peace and order, leisurely studied, allowed to remain on the nation's desk for a long time and in part at least tried as an experiment before being declared binding on future generations."

I know constitutions might be amended but the first one should not be framed in a hurry. We are not asking for anything like what Madariaga thinks it right and necessary. Please therefore direct it to be printed and sold to the public at a small price

I write this in support of our suggestion which does not argue the suggestion made

yours sincerely

T. R. V. Sastri

P.S.
Copy of the resolution
will have been forwarded from Bombay

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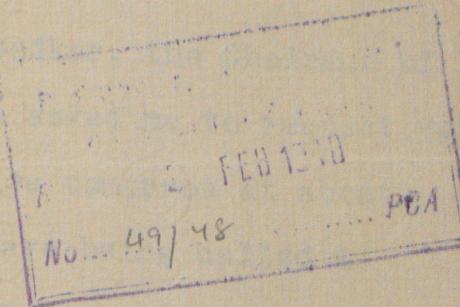
THE NATIONAL LIBERAL FEDERATION OF INDIA

Forwarded to the
President of Constituent Assembly
of India

107, ESPLANADE ROAD.
(OPP. THE CLOCK TOWER).

BOMBAY, 26th January 1948 193xx.

The Hon'ble Dr. Rajendra Prasad,
President, Constituent Assembly,
NEW DELHI.



Dear Sir,

I have the honour to communicate to you for your information and necessary action, the following resolution passed at a meeting of the Council of the National Liberal Federation of India held yesterday afternoon:

"The Council of the National Liberal Federation of India is of opinion that the draft Constitution for a free India should be published at least one month before it is placed before the Constituent Assembly for its final consideration and adoption in order to enable the public to offer constructive suggestions".

Yours faithfully,

T.R. Sastri

(T.R. Venkatarama Sastri)

C H A I R M A N.

