

Framing Mysore's Constitution

ASSEMBLY SESSION TODAY

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BANGALORE, May 4: The third session of the Mysore Constituent Assembly will meet at the Legislative Council Hall from May 5 to May 8. The most important work before this session is the objectives resolution, a draft of which has already been circulated to members of the Constituent Assembly. The objectives resolution emphasises that it is desirable that Mysore should be an integral part of India and declares its concurrence with the aims and objects embodied in the objectives resolution adopted by the Indian Constituent Assembly. The resolution further emphasises that the constitution of Mysore should be in consonance with the constitution of a sovereign democratic republic adopted for India. The resolution enunciates that the Mysore constitution should conform to the objects and principles indicated, namely, that individuality of the State, and freedom of its internal autonomy, should be secured in a manner not inconsistent with other parts of this resolution.

NEIGHBOURING AREAS

There shall be a provision in the Mysore constitution for the integration of Mysore with the neighbouring areas in such a manner as may be mutually agreed upon between the areas concerned and Mysore, in accordance with the provisions that may be laid down by the Indian constitution in this behalf. Excepting such subjects and powers as Mysore agrees by Instrument of Accession to transfer to the Indian Union in conformity with its integral relationship with and in the interests of safety, strength and prosperity of the Union, all other subjects and powers shall vest in the Mysore State. The State in matters lying within its own jurisdiction shall be free to act according to its own discretion with the neighbouring State units in matters of common interest. The objectives resolution further lays down that the Mysore constitution should take the form of a constitutional monarchy based upon the sovereignty of the people and the Maharaja will be the protector and upholder of the constitution.

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

The principal feature of the Mysore constitution should be a responsible Government, that is, a form of Government in which all administration will be carried on by a Cabinet of Ministers, who shall enjoy the confidence of legislature, and implement its decisions. In all affairs of State, law as expressive of public opinion, as pertained through the elected representatives of the people, shall be the supreme authority and all should render obedience to such a law. All laws and rules should be such as will secure to persons of all religions, castes, classes and communities equal justice, equal opportunity and equal status in all fields of life.

There shall be suitable safeguards to protect the minority communities, backward and depressed classes. The Judiciary should be totally independent of the Executive. Due provision shall be made in the constitution for institutions of self-Government such as village *panchayats*, with adequate powers and requisite funds to discharge their duties.