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*** Election of a Member to the Advisory Committee for the Utilization Branch of the Geological Survey of India**

The Honourable Dr. B. R. Ambedkar (Labour Member) :
Sir, I move:

“That this Assembly do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Honourable the President may direct one representative of the Assembly to serve on the Advisory Committee constituted by the Government of India, to advise on problems connected with the work of the Utilization Branch of the Geological Survey of India.”

Mr. President (The Honourable Sir Abdur Rahim): Motion moved:

“That this Assembly do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Honourable the President may direct one representative of the Assembly to serve on the Advisory Committee constituted by the Government of India, to advise on problems connected with the work of the Utilization Branch of the Geological Survey of India.”

† **The Honourable Dr. B. R. Ambedkar** : It is quite true that my Honourable friend had not the benefit of hearing my maiden speech. I have made many speeches in my life and I do not think I shall be afraid of making a maiden speech.

My Honourable friend pointed out that the reason why I did not speak in support of the Resolution is because there is something very dark which the department is not prepared to disclose to this House. I can assure the Honourable member that I do not think that there is anything behind this project which either myself or the Government of India need be ashamed of. When I put forward this motion, I thought that it would go through in the usual way in which such motions are treated and if I had the slightest inkling that my friend was going to raise these points, I would certainly have posted myself on these questions. (*An Honourable Member*: “You must know the procedure of the House.”) Well, I am a new man and I expect from this House a little more charity.

* Legislative Assembly Debates (Central), Vol. LI, dated 14th September 1942, p. 76.

† *Ibid.*, pp. 78-79.

If my friend must have the information which he wants before he can allow this motion to go through, then my suggestion is that this debate may be adjourned to a later date when I shall be in a position to give my Honourable friend the information he wants.

Mr. President (The Honourable Sir Abdur Rahim): The Honourable Member (Mr. Neogy) can get all the information he wants by putting down a question, but, I suppose it is the desire of the House that this motion should be postponed.

(Voices : “Yes”.)

The motion is postponed.

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