

I AM NOT LEAST INTERESTED IN FORMATION OF MINISTRY

Bombay, Saturday*

“I am not in the least interested in the formation of Ministry in Bombay”, said Dr. B. R. Ambedkar in an interview to a representative of the “Chronicle”, referring to a New Delhi message of November 25, in this connection. The message suggested that during his stay in New Delhi next week, Dr. Ambedkar was expected to meet the Viceroy “presumably” in connection with the formation of Ministry in Bombay on the lines of Orissa.

“There is absolutely no foundation for this suggestion”, added Dr. Ambedkar.

The news as contained in the New Delhi message that “certain individuals have already seen the Viceroy” in connection with Ministry formation does not seem to have any basis. An attempt at Ministry formation is necessarily to be preceded by feelers with a view to find out possible weak spots in the Congress Party. There is no indication of any attempt so far in the matter of weaning away any of the members of the Congress Legislature Party.

That Orissa will never be repeated in Bombay is the opinion expressed in Congress Circles. A prominent member of the Congress Legislature Party said that he had not the least doubt about the solidarity of the party.”¹

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*The 29th November 1941.

¹: The Bombay Chronicle : dated 30th November 1941.