

COMMUNISTS IN MAHARASHTRA

American Journalist Mr. Seling S. Harrison interviewed Dr. B. R. Ambedkar on 21st and 28th February and 9th October 1953 on the topic of weaknesses of the Communists State of Maharashtra. The interview is as follows: Editors.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, who organised Mahars as a political force, accounted similarly for Communist weakness in Maharashtra :

“The Communist Party was originally in the hands of some Brahmin boys—Dange and others. They have been trying to win over the Maratha community and the Scheduled Castes. But they have made no headway in Maharashtra. Why? Because they are mostly a bunch of Brahmin boys. The Russians made a great mistake to entrust the Communist movement in India to them. Either the Russians didn’t want Communism in India—they wanted only drummer boys —or they didn’t understand”¹

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¹ : Ambedkar on Communism in India — quoted in the book, India : The Most Dangerous Decades, by Seling S. Harrison. Pp.190-91.

Quoted : Khairmode, Vol. 11, P. 164.