

I DO NOT SHARE DEFEATIST MENTALITY**Message**

The Scheduled Castes Federation lost the last general Elections.* Consequent upon its defeat some have deserted it, some have lost faith in it. I do not share this defeatist mentality. To win seats in Election is not the ideal of the Federation. To win seats for the Federation is only a means to an end. The end is to serve the people for whom it is established. So long as the problem remains, the Federation will continue in one form or the other.

The defeat of the Federation is to be welcomed. For it has helped to drive away the most undesirable element that had entered the Federation. Those who remain in Federation have greater responsibility falling upon them. To them my message is that after the defeat the Federation may appear like a weather worn tree, but it is certainly not dead at the roots.

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