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“Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, leader of the Independent Labour Party in the Bombay Provincial Legislature, on behalf of himself and his party members, has written a letter to Mr. B. G. Kher, leader of the Congress Party, refusing to support the latter party in expressing disapproval of the appointment of the Council of Ministers by the Governor of Bombay.

In his reply, Dr. Ambedkar throws the blame for the present situation upon the Congress Party, for, in his party’s opinion, the Congress demand for an assurance from the Governor is unnecessary and impossible.

The Governor’s action in not calling the session of the Legislature, Dr. Ambedkar maintains, cannot at the moment be called into question. Such action will be unconstitutional only if six months elapse without the session being called.

The Constitution having now come into operation, Independent Labour Party thinks, that no extra-constitutional agitation by members of the Legislature should be launched upon unless all constitutional means have been tried and have failed.

This move of the Congress Party is intended to justify the Congress position, and to enhance its power and prestige, adds Dr. Ambedkar. It is purely a party move. It has no national purpose.”¹ *

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¹ *The Times of India*, dated 17th May 1937.

* Jagjiwan Ram, President Bihar Prov. Depressed Classes League, Patna sent a letter dated 8th March 1937 to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. may be perused at appendix-VIII