

POLITICAL REFORM MUST PRECEDE SOCIAL REFORM

“Depressed Classes from various parts of Southern Division presented a joint address to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar at Belgaum on May 24, 1932.* Dewan Bahadur Latthe, who presided introduced the guest as a strong nationalist at heart. The address eulogised the services of Dr. Ambedkar to the cause of the Depressed Classes. The address and a purse of Rs. 500 were then presented to Dr. Ambedkar.

Dr. Ambedkar, in his reply, said political reform must precede social reform and without political power to the Depressed Classes their status would not improve. Though his striving for the good of Depressed Classes alone might be considered selfish, it could be justified in view of the great injustice done to them by the nation hitherto.

Dr. Ambedkar left for Sholapur last night.”¹

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* : The programme was held at Nipani, District Belgaum on 23rd May 1932 as per Janata 25th June 1932.

¹ : The Times of India dated 26th May 1932.