

THERE ARE NO DEPRESSED CLASS MINISTERS

“On July 31, 1937, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was on his way to Dhulia on a professional visit. He was accorded a great ovation at dawn by the Depressed Classes at Chalisgaon station. In the morning he reached Dhulia at eight o’clock and was greeted with thunderous applause and amidst shouts of a new slogan—“Who is Ambedkar?” “Ambedkar is our King !” Dr. Ambedkar then was taken out in procession to the travellers bungalow. After the business in the court was over in the afternoon he was entertained at a tea-party by Barve of Harijan Sevak Sangh.

In the evening Dr. Ambedkar addressed a meeting at the Vijayanand Theatre.

In the course of his speech he said that the main thing to be borne in mind was that the British rulers, who were indifferent to Untouchables, were now replaced by a set of leaders who belonged to the party of the social oppressors of the Depressed Classes. Those were the days, he continued, of union organization and precaution from the point of view of the Untouchables. He then pointed out how Brahminism was asserting itself in India through Ministries installed by the Congress. All the Congress Ministries were, he remarked, led by Brahmins while there were no Depressed Class Ministers.”¹

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¹: Keer, P. 294.