54

SAVE YOUR CHILDREN FROM HARROWING LIFE

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, leader of the Independent Labour Party, in the course of his speech at a meeting of the 'Kuchrapatti' workers held on Sunday evening the 26th February 1939 at Chembur, Bombay when a purse of Rs. 1001 was presented to him as a contribution of the workers for the fund for raising building for headquarters of the Party.

Dr. Ambedkar said,

The noteworthy change that has come about in the social and psychological outlook of the Depressed Classes during the past decade or so.

Referring direct to the audience he said,

"You are the people who are ordained by destiny to deal with the dirt and filth of the thirteen lakhs of the people of Bombay. Your whole life is spent in the midst of this squalor.

But let everyone of these present here see to it that at least your children are saved from this harrowing life, that they are better educated than you are that they lead a more happy, comfortable and civilised life than you have been destined to do."

Dr. Ambedkar thanked all those who had contributed to the Building Fund of the Independent Labour Party and hoped that other working class centres would follow the lead given by Chembur and enable the Party to start the building work as soon as possible.

Among the speakers who preceded Dr. Ambedkar were Mr. G. M. Jadhav, Principal Donde, Mr. Gaikwad, the Depressed Class representative from Nasik in the Bombay Legislative Assembly, Dr. Deorukhkar, Mr. D. V. Pradhan presided.[1]

●●

[1] : The Bombay Chronicle, dated 28th February 1939.