

THE DOORS OF MY HOUSE WOULD ALWAYS REMAIN OPEN TO FRIENDS

As per proclamation issued on July 2, 1942, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was included in the Executive Council of Viceroy of India.

“Dr. B. R. Ambedkar immediately left for Delhi on July 5, 1942 to attend a meeting of the National Defence Council and returned to Bombay on July 11.

On his return, Dr. Ambedkar attended a dinner given by his friends and admirers at the Radio Club, Bombay. Speaking on the occasion, Acharya M. V. Donde referred to the years of patient labour through which they stood by him, and hoped that the leader would end the slavery of his people and succeed in ameliorating the conditions of the labouring masses of India.

In reply, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar said that,

He was born of the poor, was brought up among them, lived among them, had slept like them on the damp floor covered with sack-cloth, and shared the sorrow of his people. He promised to remain absolutely unchanged in his attitude to his friends and to the rest of the world, and added that the doors of his house in New Delhi would always remain open to his friends.”¹

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¹: Keer, Pp. 347-349.