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## CONTENTS OF THE LETTER SENT TO ALL PARLIAMENTARIANS REGARDING THE PRINTING OF THE FACSIMILE OF DR. AMBEDKAR IN THE FORTHCOMING Rs.1000/- DENOMINATION

It is a privilege and honour to write to you in the year of Golden Jubilee of our Independence which has been eventful in many ways. Indian Scientists have made our country proud by their awesome performance in the field of Nuclear Science proclaiming throughout the world that they are capable of silencing the entire world from indulging in matters of threat perception, sending out a clear message that India can no longer be taken lightly as far as its defence is concerned and have thus made our formidable presence felt in the Asian region.

It is time to introspect the origin for all these goods tidings which wouldn't have been possible under British rule. These accolades, laurels, glory helped on our country in honour of our achievements are in effect floral tributes paid to the veteran freedom fighters. Statesmen, who have delivered this country from the clutches of British Raj. While Gandhiji has become an household name, man like Dr. Ambedkar is still not in the limelight.

It is true that Bharat Ratna has been conferred on him posthumously and a national holiday has also been declared in his honour. Yet, the glory and message of this great Statesman has only reached the higher echelons of society and upto the working class but has not percolated down to the level of common man and the illiterate. The achievements of this veteran freedom fighter, Statesman should not be marginalised from the mainstream history. Being the Architect of the Indian Constitution, it is befitting that his statue, larger than life is adorning the Central hall of the Parliament. Not a day in the Parliament will pass without a reminiscence of him. Parliament and Constitution are two sides of the same coin. One can not exist without the other.

It is perhaps in this background that the Prime Minister have coined the idea of making the Rs.1000/- denomination bear the facsimile of Dr. Ambedkar which would be very appropriate to the context. I also sincerely hope that under his great leadership. Rs.1000/- note will be within the easy reach of common man also. However, Sir, I humbly request you to ensure that the facsimile of Dr. Ambedkar is not printed in other lower denominations which would reduce the very purpose of the honour conferred on him.

It is reliably learnt that the Agenda regarding honouring of Dr. Ambedkar in 1000/- rupee note is likely to be placed in the forthcoming Budget session in the Parliament. I sincerely hope that you would vouch on my behalf and on behalf of All India Dr. Ambedkar SC/ST Welfare Federation.

With fraternal Greetings,

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