



Dated, 19th May, 39,
Hyderabad, Decan

Dear Mr. Jinnah,

I happened to see Sir Akbar on the 17th instant, accompanied by a deputation of the Jagirdars' Association. We had a long conversation after the formal interview with this deputation. Sir Akbar expressed his feelings of regret about the unwholesome issues brought by our last meeting.

During the conversation he informed me of the recent settlement of the equal distribution of seats in the Elected Block among the major communities, instead of reserving seats for non-muslims by the formation of three constituencies. The pre-determined idea of forming a separate constituency for women has been cancelled. This new structure, to a certain extent, seems to me satisfactory. But I could not make use of this opportunity to know the actual position of Muslims declared in the new statute, as the impressions of the last meeting were brooding over my mind. This total alteration in the policy, I believe, owes to your opportune endeavour. I am anxiously

writing to know the ultimate decision you formed and the wise counsel you gave to him about this scheme as a result of your long and serious considerations.

The Federal problem was also involved in our conversation. I am fully convinced that Sir Akbar might have received your consultation in this particular. He is of opinion that the Federation, sooner or later is considered to be inevitable by the Muslim League too. He persistently urged me to believe that the powers of the British Government are gradually being moved to the Federal Centre. Under this state of affairs the absence of the Princes in the Centre will finally jeopardise their status in future. This argument led me to believe that the entry of Hyderabad into Federation lies beyond all doubts. I refused to express my views in this connection unless I go through the Provisions and Instrument of Accession into Federation.

I expect the publication of the Yellow Book in the nearest future that had long been promised. I need and request your guidance for the Muslims of Hyderabad in so serious a problem.

The policy of the Government is growing weaker in matters of the State Congress and the Vande Mataram. The State Congress that had so far been under ban, is

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now proceeding to hold its meetings and it is reliably known to me that the Government are prepared to allow Van^{de} Mataram in the University. If it is true, it would take a very disgraceful manifestation of the Government's weak policy.

I shall be awaiting your detailed instructions and if necessary shall be able to receive them in person.

Hoping you are enjoying sound health.

Yours sincerely,

Bahadur Singh
