

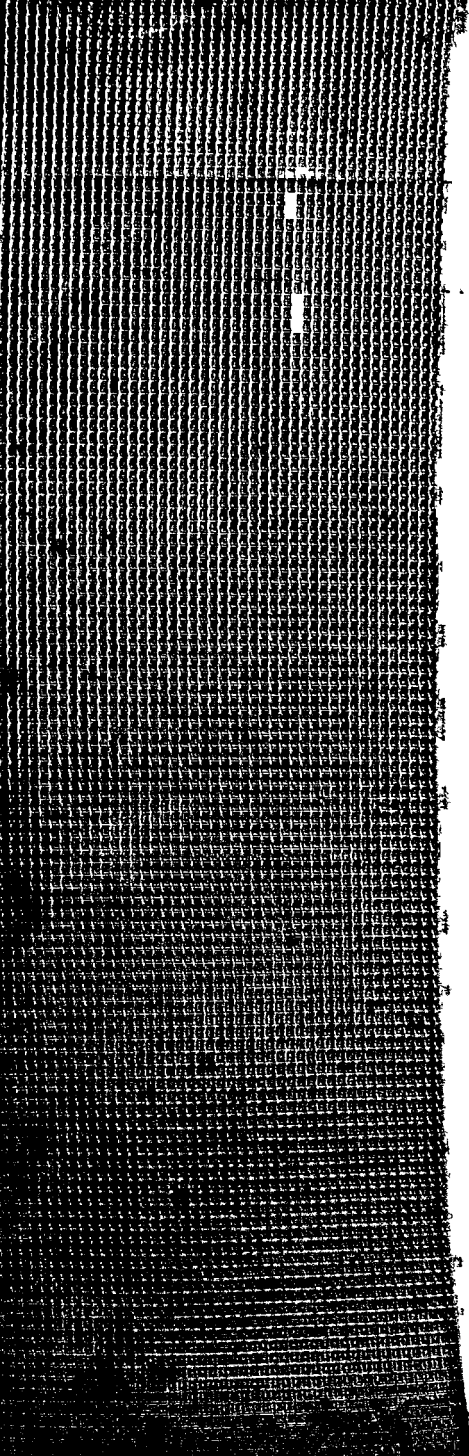
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# THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA



“However good a Constitution may be it is sure to turn out bad because those who are called to work it happen to be a bad lot. However bad a constitution may be, it may turn out to be good if those who are called to work it happen to be a good lot. The working of a Constitution does not depend wholly upon the nature of the Constitution. The Constitution can provide only the organs of State such as the legislature, the executive, and the judiciary. The factors on which the working of these organs depend are the people and the political parties they will set up as their instruments to carry out their wishes and their policies. Who can say how the people of India and their parties will behave? Will they uphold Constitutional methods for achieving their purposes or will they prefer revolutionary methods of achieving them? If they adopt the revolutionary methods, however good the constitution may be, it requires no prophet to say that it will fail. It is, therefore, futile to have any judgement upon the constitution without reference to the part which the people and their parties are likely to play.”

**Dr. Ambedkar**  
**Chairman, Drafting Committee**  
**of the Constituent Assembly.**

