



ROYAL PROCLAMATION ON RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT*

“WHEREAS in pursuance of Our settled policy of fully satisfying popular aspirations and promoting the welfare of Our people as a whole, We promulgated the Constitution Act of 1122 with the widest franchise possible, viz., adult franchise, as its main feature.

“AND WHEREAS in further pursuance of such policy it is now Our will and pleasure that the Constitution Act of 1122 should be revised with a view to the establishment of Responsible Government, without prejudice to Our rights and prerogatives.

*This historic Charter was issued on September 4, 1947 under His Highness the Maharaja's Sign Manual.

“NOW THEREFORE, We are pleased to command that a Representative Body consisting of persons elected on the basis of adult franchise should be constituted and they should consider and submit to Us a draft for the revision or modification of the Constitution Act, with a view to the establishment of such Responsible Government. Matters relating to Our Palace and Our Royal Family and to the Devaswoms and Hindu Religious Endowments shall be excluded from the purview of the contemplated modifying legislation.

“OUR Government will take the necessary steps and issue the necessary rules and orders for carrying out this Proclamation.

“IT is Our desire that the Representative Body should be constituted and should meet on a day not later than the 17th of Dhanu 1123 corresponding to the 1st of January 1948. The actual date will be notified by Our Government in the Government Gazette.”