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THE PROMISES OF PT. JAWAHAR LAL NEHRU

• Address to Journalists, New Delhi, 4 November, 1939.
The Hindustan Times, 5 November, 1939.
“It is inconceived that in a broad-based body like the constituent assembly, which will be elected by millions of people, the majority could attempt to side roughshod over the rights of the minorities. On the other hand, such a body will make every effort to safeguard minorities right by agreement. We must start on the assumption that goodwill prevail on all sides as those of us who will be called upon to compose such an assembly will keep it in our minds that we have such an assembly will keep it in our minds that we have been charged with the task of shaping India’s future and our decision’s will be final”.

• Interview to the Press, Lahore, 22 May 1942.
Tribune, 23 May 1942.
“In accordance with old Indian tra-ditions toleration, fullest protection and autonomy were promised to all minori-ties subject only to the essential unity of the country and to the democratic basis of its constitution”.
“I am personally in favour of giving autonomy to the provinces, as has been done in Russia, I want that there should be autonomous cultural units so that they can develop independently. But at the same time the centre must remain strong”.

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