APPENDIX V
THE YERVADA PACT

The following is the text of the agreement which has been arrived at between the leaders acting on behalf of the depressed classes and of the rest of the Hindu community regarding the representation of the depressed classes in Legislatures and certain other matters affecting their welfare.

1. There shall be seats reserved for the depressed classes out of general electorates. Seats in Provincial Legislatures shall be as follows:

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These figures are based on the total strength of the Provincial Councils announced in the Prime Minister's decision.

2. Election to these seats shall be by joint electorates subject, however, to the following procedure:

All members of the depressed classes registered in the general electoral roll of a constituency, will form an electoral college which with elect a panel of four candidates belonging to the depressed classes, for each of such reserved seats, by the method of single vote and four persons getting the highest number of
votes in such primary election shall be the candidates for election by the general electorate.

3. Representation of the depressed classes in the Central Legislature shall likewise be on the principle of joint electorates and reserved seats by the method of primary election in the manner provided for in clause 2 above for their representation in Provincial Legislatures.

4. In the Central Legislature eighteen per cent of the seats allotted to the general electorate for British India in the said Legislature shall be reserved for the depressed classes.

5. The system of primary election of panel of candidates for election to the Central and Provincial Legislatures, as herein before mentioned, shall come to an end after the first ten years, unless terminated sooner by mutual agreement under the provision of clause 6 below.

6. The system of representation of the depressed classes by reserved seats in the Provincial and Central Legislatures, as provided for in clauses 1 and 4, shall continue until determined by mutual agreement between the communities concerned in this settlement.

7. The franchise for the Central and Provincial Legislatures for the depressed classes shall be an indicate in the Lothian Committee Report.

8. There shall be no disabilities attaching to anyone on the ground of his being a member of the depressed classes in regard to any elections to local bodies or appointment to public service.

Every endeavour shall be made to secure a fair representation of the depressed classes in these respects, subject to such educational qualifications as may be laid down for appointment to public service.
9. In every Province, out of the educational grant, an adequate sum shall be earmarked for providing educational facilities to members of the depressed classes.

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