

PREFACE

For over four decades, preceding the transfer of power, the Indian political scene was sterner by several leaders and illustrious personalities. Dr.- B.R.Ambedkar was one of those who played a significant role in the political and constitutional evolution of India. But there has been no systematic study of his political activities and the significance of his participation in the public life of the country. There is an excellent biography of his by Shri. D.V.Koor, which is a valuable contribution to an understanding of the 'life and mission' of the man. Two other studies — the Political Philosophy; and Social Philosophy of Ambedkar — have been published recently. But there is still much scope for studying the work and thoughts of Ambedkar who was also a great thinker and a writer.

In the present thesis an attempt is made to analyse and evaluate, in an objective manner, the contributions of Dr. B.R.Ambedkar to the political and constitutional evolution of India. He was one of the most brilliant and controversial figures in Indian politics. The central theme of his political creed was his deep

