

To

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Dr Dhananjaya Y.Chandrachud
Hon'ble The Chief Justice of India.
Supreme Court of India
New Delhi 110092

Subject: **Expression of Gratitude for Installing Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's Statue in Supreme Court Premises.**

Your Lordship, I am writing this letter to extend my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to you and the Supreme Court of India for the honorable act of installing a statue of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar as fondly called as "Babasaheb" in the esteemed premises of the Supreme Court.

With all humbleness and humility, we would like to inform your lordship that we the group of Ambedkarite Lawyers practicing before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the year 2014 gathered together and formed a group of lawyers "Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Lawyers for Social Justice". In the year 2014, in our meeting we observed that there was no single photograph of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, and therefore we requested SCBA and Hon'ble Supreme Court administration for installing the same in the premises of Supreme Court. Because of our constant endeavor and demand the present portrait hanging in Library-1 came to be installed in the year 2015 on the occasion of 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. Then onwards, all Ambedkarite Lawyers across the country, every year started gathering for floral tribute programme at Library-1 Supreme Court on 13th April a day before Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's Birth Anniversary and also every year we organize a programme of paying homage to Babasaheb on his Mahaparinirwan din (Death Anniversary i.e. on 6th December). It

was for the first time that permission was granted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court administration in the year 2018 for celebrating the 14th April Programme of Birth Anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar inside the designated High-Security Zone, and for the first time the Birth Anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar came to be celebrated with the presence of 70 lawyers on Supreme Court Lawns.

Your lordship would recall our group of Ambedkarite Lawyers handed over the representations on 6th Dec 2022 and also on 14th April 2023 thereby requesting your lordship to install the Statue of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar on Supreme Court Premises. Few days ago, when we heard the news that Statue of Dr. Ambedkar is going to be installed in the Supreme Court premises and about to be unveiled on 26th Nov Constitution Day we all got thrilled and our heart filled with immense pleasure and happiness.

Lordship, all this could have been possible under the leadership of your lordship and your lordship's vision only who not only took this Historical decision for installing the Statue of Dr. Ambedkar but executed it. All we can say that words are falling short to express the gratitude and History will remember your lordship's noble decision for installing the Statue for which we all Ambedkarite lawyers will be grateful forever.

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar who is an eminent jurist, social reformer, and the principal architect of the Indian Constitution, his contributions to the nation and its legal system are immeasurable. The installation of his statue in the Supreme Court is not only a fitting tribute to his legacy but also serves as a constant reminder of the principles of justice, equality, and liberty that he championed. This gesture significantly symbolizes the

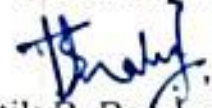
court's commitment to upholding the values enshrined in our Constitution and reinforces the belief in the judiciary's role as the guardian of constitutional rights and freedoms. It is a source of inspiration for every citizen, reminding us of our duty to uphold the ideals of our democratic republic.

I would also like to thank personally and commend the Supreme Court's initiative under your lordship's visionary decision in acknowledging the contributions of a legendary figure like Dr. Ambedkar. It is actions like these that reinforce the public's faith in our judicial system and its leaders. Once again, I express on my behalf and on behalf of members of "Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Lawyers For Social Justice" deepest thanks for this noble initiative of installing Statue and look forward to the continuing role of the Supreme Court in strengthening the fabric of our nation's democracy and upholding the rule of law.

Thank you for your attention and for the impactful decision that honors Dr. Ambedkar's enduring legacy.

With highest regards,

Yours faithfully



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