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The different committees of the Constituent Assembly were Drafting Committee of seven members was set up with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as its chairman. The other important members of the Committee were Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Ayyar, K.M.Munshi, T.T.Krishnamachari and Gopalaswami Ayyangar, Mohammad Saadulla and N. Madhav Rao.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was a brilliant writer. His study of constitutional law was thorough. He took a very prominent part in the deliberations of the Constituent Assembly. He was forceful and persuasive in his arguments.

Jawaharlal Nehru He was the central figure throughout the deliberations of the Constituent Assembly. He was always ready to make his contribution on any Article of the Constitution. The Union Constitution Committee and the Provincial Constitutions Committee were set up under the Chairmanships of Jawaharlal Nehru.

Rajendra Prasad He played an important role in the Constituent Assembly. He conducted the meetings of the Constituent Assembly with dignity and impartiality.

Sardar Patel He always spoke with authority and was able to silence his opponents. His contribution was largely with regard to the problem of States and Minorities.

K.M. Munshi He played an important part in preparing the draft of the Objectives Resolution and the Rules of Procedure for the Constituent Assembly. His brilliance, tactfulness and resourcefulness helped him to bring about compromises.

N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar was a great asset to the Drafting Committee. He played an important part with regard to the question of language.

Govind Pant was a leading lawyer and a very high ranking Congressman. He was member of three committees these were Union Subjects, Union Council and Advisory Committees.

Maulana Azad was member of 4 committees of the Constituent Assembly. These were Advisory committee, Steering Committee, union Constitution and States Committee.

- Frank Anthony represented the Anglo –Indian Community in the Constituent Assembly. His contribution was greatest in the field of education.

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