

APPENDIX IV

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

New Delhi, the 23rd April, 1966

3rd Vaisakha, 1888

RESOLUTION

The Government of India have decided to reorganise the present State of Punjab on linguistic basis so as to constitute from its territories two States, namely, Punjab and Haryana States, after transferring to Himachal Pradesh such of the hill areas particularly of the Hindi Region of the State as are contiguous to that Union territory and have cultural and linguistic affinities with it. For the purpose of determining the actual boundaries of these units, the Government of India consider it necessary that there should be an examination of the matter by a Commission. They have accordingly decided to appoint a Commission consisting of—

Chairman

1. Shri Justice Jayantilal Chhotalal Shah, Judge of the Supreme Court.

Members

2. Shri S. Dutt.
3. Shri M. M. Philip.

2. The Commission shall examine the existing boundary of the Hindi and Punjabi Regions of the present State of Punjab and recommend what adjustments, if any, are necessary in that boundary to secure the linguistic homogeneity of the proposed Punjab and Haryana States. The Commission shall also indicate the boundaries of the hill areas of the present State of Punjab which are contiguous to Himachal Pradesh and have linguistic and cultural affinity with that territory. The Commission shall apply the linguistic principle with due regard to the census figures of 1961 and other relevant considerations. The Commission may also take into account such other factors as administrative convenience and economic well-

being, geographic contiguity and facility of communication and will ordinarily ensure that the adjustments that they may recommend do not involve breaking up of existing tehsils.

3. The Commission will be at liberty to devise its own procedure for its work. The Commission will ordinarily hold its meeting in private.

4. The Commission will make its recommendations to the Government of India not later than the 31st May, 1966.

Sd/- L. P. Singh, Secy.

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to all State Governments, all Ministries of the Government of India, etc., and also that the Resolution be published in the Gazette of India.

Ordered also that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to the Chairman and the Members of the Commission.

Sd/- L. P. SINGH, Secy.