

APPENDIX VIII

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Proceedings of meeting held at 3-30 P.M. on 24th October, 1956, in the Committee Room of the Canal Rest House, Delhi, regarding demarcation of Hindi and Punjabi areas.

PRESENT:

1. S. Pratap Singh Kairon, Chief Minister, Punjab.
2. Prof. Sher Singh, Irrigation & Power Minister, Punjab.
3. Ch. Devi Lal, M.L.A., Chief Parliamentary Secretary.
4. Pt. Mauli Chander Sharma, Delhi.
5. Giani Kartar Singh, M.L.C.
6. Shri Virendra of Daily Pratap, Jullundur.

It is gratifying to report that all the six members of the Committee consider that demarcation of Punjabi and Hindi regions should generally be done on district basis.

2. There are, however, certain exceptions that are urged by the members of the Committee for the consideration of the Central Government. One of these on which they all agree is that Jind and Narwana of Sangrur district should go to Hindi region, and Rupar and Kharar of Ambala district should go to Punjabi region, provided;

- (1) that the Chandigarh Capital Project area be kept apart from the two regions as a joint concern to be looked after as a special responsibility by the Chief Minister. So long as it does not become a full fledged constituency on population basis, its representative will sit in the Punjabi region committee.
- (2) that Kalka and Simla be included in the Hindi region.
- (3) that Zail Chandi Mandir and parts of Zail Mubarakpura of Kharar tehsil contiguous to Hindi speaking area should be included in the Hindi region.

3. Another exception put forth by Shri Virendra is that Kangra should be placed in the Punjabi region.

4. Another exception, which is subscribed to by Giani Kartar Singh, Prof. Sher Singh and Ch. Devi Lal is that a compact Hindi speaking area of Fazilka and a compact Punjabi speaking area of

Sirsa and Fatehabad Tehsils should go to Hindi and Punjabi regions respectively. In this connection, they have agreed that tehsil Fazilka excluding Thana Jalalabad and Thana Fazilka (excepting Zail and town of Fazilka which should belong to Hindi region) and also excluding Zail Chandankhera and Zail Kundal of Police Station Abohar should be included in the Hindi region. Village Kandukhera of Tehsil Muktsar, which joins Zail Lohgarh of Tehsil Sirsa and villages of Fazilka tehsil will of course, go into Hindi speaking region. As for Sirsa and Fatehgarh tehsils, whole of Dabwali Zail, Khokhar Zail, Zail Rori whole of Zail Kalanwali, Zail Alika of Sirsa Tehsil and Ali Hijranwan and Thana Ratia of Fatehabad and Zail Sadhanwas of Tohana Sub-Tehsil should go to Punjabi region.

(Sd.) Partap Singh,
Chief Minister, Punjab.
24-10-1956.

(Sd.) Kartar Singh (Giani).

(Sd.) Sher Singh.

(Sd.) Mauli Chander Sharma.

(Sd.) Devi Lal.

(Sd.) Virendra.