

CHAPTER III

MANGALWEDHA TALUKA

Six out of the 9 villages offered here have absolute Kannada majority and two have relative majority. One of them has now absolute Marathi majority of 81%. Kannada speakers population comes to about 6,000, slightly over 50% of the total population. The area offered to be transferred does not fulfil the tests I have laid down to be followed in making boundary adjustment. Out of these villages, two are in one pocket and four are on one side in another area. Two villages are contiguous to Sangli district and four villages are contiguous to South Sholapur and Bijapur district.

3.2. The result is that in regard to these villages, despite the offer, I cannot recommend their transfer to the State of Mysore. The offer was withdrawn about one village. Shri Nambiar argued that the villages regarding which offer was not withdrawn I have no jurisdiction to decline recommending their transfer. I do not feel bound by the offer when I find that this offer is not in accordance with the tests laid down by me. I, therefore, do not recommend transfer of any Kannada majority village from Maharashtra to Mysore in this taluka.