

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The following areas are recommended for transfer from the State of Mysore to the State of Maharashtra:

- (i) the town of Nipani with 40 villages of the Nipani Bhag in Chikodi taluka of Belgaum district. The population recommended for transfer is 1,17,783 out of which 89,893 is Marathi-speaking, their percentage being 76·3;
- (ii) 9 villages of Hukeri taluka of Belgaum district out of the 18 villages claimed by the State of Maharashtra. The population recommended for transfer is 9,229 with 90·5 per cent Marathi-speakers;
- (iii) 62 villages of Belgaum taluka out of the 86 originally claimed by the Government of Maharashtra. The population recommended for transfer is 75,303, Marathi-speaking percentage being 80·6.

The claim to the town of Belgaum is disallowed and the city is not recommended for transfer to the State of Maharashtra.

- (iv) 152 villages of the Khanapur taluka out of 206 claimed by the State of Maharashtra. The towns of Khanapur and Nandgad stand transferred. The population recommended for transfer is 78,685, percentage of Marathi-speaking being 80·5.

2. Thus, out of the total of 814 villages claimed by the State of Maharashtra, their claim is recommended in respect of a total of 264 villages along with the towns of Nipani, Khanapur and Nandgad covering an area of 656·3 sq. miles. The total population thus transferred is 2,81,000, Marathi-speaking percentage being 79·1.

3. The claim of the Government of Maharashtra to the villages in the district of Bidar, in the three talukas of the district of North Kanara, for nine villages in Athni and to 13 villages out of 22 in the taluka of Hukeri is not recommended. As stated above, the claim to the town of Belgaum along with 40 more villages in the taluka of Belgaum stands rejected. Transfer of 54 more villages in the Khanapur taluka is also not recommended.

4. The following areas are recommended for transfer from the State of Maharashtra to the State of Mysore:

- (i) the whole taluka of Akkalkot along with the town of Akkalkot. The population recommended for transfer is 1,75,333, Kannada-speaking percentage being 56·9;

- (ii) 44 villages in the taluka of Jath as offered by the State of Maharashtra to the State of Mysore. The population recommended for transfer is 65,207, percentage of Kannada-speaking being 69.1; the counter claim of the State of Mysore for the other 54 villages in this taluka is disallowed;
- (iii) 65 villages in the taluka of South Sholapur, as offered by the State of Maharashtra. The population recommended for transfer is 88,839, percentage of Kannada-speaking being 51.4. The counter claim of the State of Mysore regarding the entire taluka is rejected;
- (iv) 15 villages in the taluka of Gadhinglaj out of 24 offered by the State of Maharashtra to the State of Mysore with a population of 20,060, Kannada speaking percentage being 57.6. The Mysore Government's claim to nine villages out of the 24 originally offered but later on withdrawn is disallowed.

5. The offer of the State of Maharashtra to transfer 19 villages in the taluka of Shirol to the State of Mysore has subsequently been withdrawn. The Commission does not find it possible to recommend the transfer of any village in this taluka to the State of Mysore. Similarly, the Commission is unable to recommend the transfer of the nine villages offered by the State of Maharashtra to the State of Mysore in the taluka of Mangalwedha.

6. The counter claim of the State of Mysore to the city of Sholapur, the taluka of Chandgad and the taluka of North Sholapur stands rejected.

7. The result is that out of 260 villages offered by the State of Bombay to the State of Mysore in the year 1957, 227 villages covering an area of 1,368 sq. miles are recommended for transfer. The population of the area recommended for transfer is 3,49,439, Kannada-speaking percentage being 57.9.

8. So far as the taluka of Kasaragod is concerned, the Commission on the *ex-parte* material placed before it recommends that this taluka, north of the Chandragiri and Payaswini rivers, be transferred to the State of Mysore from the State of Kerala on administrative, economic, geographical and grounds of facility of communication, which in the opinion of the Commission override the linguistic consideration.