

APPENDIX B

PRESS NOTE

STATES REORGANISATION COMMISSION

The States Reorganisation Commission, after giving due consideration to the procedure that would be most suitable for the expeditious execution of the task entrusted to them, have decided to dispense with a questionnaire. They invite members of the public as well as public associations interested in the problems of the reorganisation of States to put their views and suggestions before the Commission by submitting written memoranda on matters on which they feel they can assist them. The Commission expect that wherever any concrete suggestions are made they will be supported by historical and statistical data and, if any proposal regarding the formation of any new State or States is made, it will, if possible, be accompanied by one or more maps, as the case may be.

It may be recalled that the Government of India Resolution, dated 29th December 1953, in pursuance of which the Commission has been appointed, has referred to certain factors which are to be kept in view in the reorganisation of States in these words:—

“The language and culture of an area have an undoubted importance as they represent a pattern of living which is common in that area. In considering a reorganisation of States, however, there are other important factors which have also to be borne in mind. The first essential consideration is the preservation and strengthening of the unity and security of India. Financial, economic and administrative considerations are almost equally important, not only from the point of view of each State, but for the whole nation. India has embarked upon a great ordered plan for her economic, cultural and moral progress. Changes which interfere with the successful prosecution of such a national plan would be harmful to the national interest”.

The Commission hope that due regard will be paid to these factors in the preparation of memoranda.

The Commission look forward to full and whole-hearted co-operation from the public in discharging their heavy responsibility and hope that they will respond to this invitation which is being extended to them through the Press.

The Commission will appreciate if six copies of each memorandum are forwarded to:—

The Secretary,
States Reorganisation Commission,
New Delhi,

so as to reach him not later than 24th April 1954.

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New Delhi, February 23, 1954.