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INDIAN POLITY- 8

The Union and its Territory :
Part I (Articles 1- 4)

ARTICLE 1 : NAME AND TERRITORY OF THE UNION

- (1) India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States.
- (2) The States and the territories thereof shall be as specified in the First Schedule.
- (3) The territory of India shall comprise –
 - (a) the territories of the States;
 - (b) the Union territories specified in the First Schedule;and
 - (c) such other territories as may be acquired.

ARTICLE 2 : ADMISSION OR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW STATES

Parliament may by law admit into the Union, or establish, new States on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.

ARTICLE 3 : FORMATION OF NEW STATES AND ALTERATION OF AREAS, BOUNDARIES OR NAMES OF EXISTING STATES

Parliament may by law –

- (a) form a new State by separation of territory from any State or by uniting two or more States or parts of States

- or by uniting any territory to a part of any State;
- (b) increase the area of any State;
- (c) diminish the area of any State;
- (d) alter the boundaries of any State;
- (e) alter the name of any State

ARTICLE 4 : LAWS MADE UNDER ARTICLES 2 AND 3 TO PROVIDE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE FIRST AND THE FOURTH SCHEDULE AND SUPPLEMENTAL, INCIDENTAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL MATTERS

Commissions

The **Dhar commission** appointed to study this issue suggested administrative rather than linguism as basis for reorganisation.

JVP commission [J Nehru – Sardar V Patel – P Sittaramaiya] was created and this too rejected linguistic reasons to create states.

However after the death of Potti Sriramallu on hunger strike for a separate state to Telugu speaking areas, congress created Andhra Pradesh.

The similar demand from other side led the government to appoint **Fazl Ali committee** that accepted linguistic basis as one of the four important points for creating states. The government accepted the report and passed the **state reorganization act and 7th amendment**.

So 16 states and 6 UT were created.

New States and Union Territories created after 1956

- The State of **Andhra'** was created by the **Andhra State Act, 1953**, Andhra Pradesh. comprising certain areas taken out of the State of Madras, and It was renamed 'Andhra Pradesh' by the States Reorganisation Act, 1956
- The State of Kerala was created by the States Reorganisation Act, 1956, in place of the Part B **State of Travancore-Cochin** of the original constitution.

- The Bombay Re-organisation Act, 1960, divided the State of Bombay to establish the two States of Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- The State of Nagaland Act, 1962 created Nagaland as a separate State.
- The Punjab Re-organization Act, 1966 divided Punjab into Punjab and Haryana.
- New State of Himachal Pradesh comprising of the existing Union Territory of Himachal Pradesh was established by the State of Himachal Pradesh Act, 1970.
- New State of Manipur, Tripura, Meghalaya and Union Territories of Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh were established by North Eastern Areas (Re-organization) Act, 1971. Later Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh Achieved Statehood by State of

Mizoram Act, 1986 and State of Arunachal Pradesh Act, 1986.

- New State of Sikkim was established by Constitution (36th Amendment) Act, 1975.
- The State of Goa Act, 1987 incorporated Goa as a separate State of the Union.
- Chhattisgarh was formed as a result of Madhya Pradesh Re-organisation Act, 2000, which came into being on November 1, 2000.
- Uttaranchal came into existence by Uttar Pradesh Re-organisation Act, 2000 on 8th November, 2000, comprising the northern district of Kumaon and Garhwal hills of Uttar Pradesh.

- The State of Jharkhand was established by Bihar Re-organisation Act, 2000 on 15th November, 2000, by comprising eighteen southern districts of Chhota Nagpur and Santhal Pargana areas of Bihar.
- The State of Telangana was created by Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 and came into being on 2nd June 2014.