

STRONGLY OBJECT CREATION OF MONOLITHIC MONSTROUS STATES

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar issued telegram to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru regarding formation of linguistic States. The telegram is as follows:—Editors

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TELEGRAM

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru,
NEW DELHI.

Regret inability attend Parliament, Doctor strongly object my travelling to Delhi. Wanted to express my views in Parliament over issue of linguistic provinces. Being unable to do so. I am conveying views to you by this telegram. Am speaking on behalf of Federation. Federation like Bombay go Maharashtra but do not mind Bombay made separate State. However very strongly object creation of such monolithic monstrous States as U.P., Bihar, Maharashtra. Federation feels these States not only great danger to Central Government will also be great danger to minorities and Scheduled Castes. Federation wants U.P., Bihar be divided into three States. Maharashtra also be divided into three States. There be no protection to Scheduled Castes under aegis of State in which overwhelming majority is opposed to recognition of Scheduled Castes as human beings. I request you pay serious attention this question. Fear consequences might be very serious. Scheduled Castes are now without any political safeguard. In their desperation may take to any kind of violence.

Ambedkar.¹

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¹:Khairmode, Vol. 10, Pp. 56-57.