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INTRODUCTION

India has attained her freedom and is now at liberty to develop herself according to her genius. But she can fully develop only when some of the evil legacies that the British have left behind them, are swept off. One of such legacies is the irrational formation of provinces without an eye to the real development of the land and its people. The mischief has been partially undone by the formation of Bihar, Orissa and Sind as separate provinces. But much remains to be done in this direction, especially in the south.

The Constituent Assembly of India is framing a new constitution for this great country. A new constitution means a new order of things, the provision of a new framework for working out the objectives near and dear to a nation and its people. The dawn of a real democracy based on adult franchise is near at hand. It is in this context that this small brochure seeks to state the case for the redistribution of provinces on linguistic and cultural basis and especially the case for the formation of a united Karnatak province.

The people of Karnatak lie scattered in different administrations and have been suffering the evils of this disintegration. They have been agitating for the last thirty years for a united Karnatak. The Indian National Congress formed linguistic provinces and among them Karnatak in 1920 for its own administration and activities. Karnatak has realised the advantages of such a unification and since then her political and many cultural activities have been directed on the basis of a single province. But this is not enough and the seal of real unification can be set only by the formation of a single administrative province. Though as a first step it is proposed to form a province consisting of the non-States areas only, the grant of responsible government in Mysore has opened a new vista. This book has gone into that whole question; but has stated the case as well as the ways and means primarily for a province consisting of those territories of Karnatak which lie outside the States.

The members of the Drafting Committee which prepared this statement felt it necessary to state the case at this juncture as briefly as possible and place it into the hands of the public. The Karnatak Provincial Congress Committee and the Karnatak Unification League have been the bodies that have been working for the last quarter of a century for unification. We are publishing this booklet in the hope that every citizen will give due consideration to the subject and support the formation of linguistic provinces and thereby help Karnatak to come to her own. Karnatak will then be able to develop to her full stature and contribute her humble mite to make India far greater than what she is today.

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