

## THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

#### PREAMBLE

WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a '[SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC] and to secure to all its citizens:

JUSTICE, social, economic and political;

LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship;

EQUALITY of status and of opportunity and to promote among them all;

FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the <sup>2</sup>[unity and integrity of the Nation]:

IN OUR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY this twenty-sixth day of November, 1949 do HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION.

- Subs. by the Constitution (rorty-second amendment) Act. 1976. Sec. 2, for "Sovereign Democratic Republic" (w.e.f. 3.1.1977)
- Subs. by the Constitution (Forty-second Amendment) Act. 1976, Sec. 2, for "Unity of the Nation" (w.e.f. 3.1.1977)

What is the historical background of the Constituent Assembly in India? 1934 The idea of a Constituent Assembly for India was put forward for the first time M.N.Roy a pioneer of the communist movement in India. Indian National Congress first demanded a Constituent Assembly to frame the 1935 Constitution of India. J.L. Nehru declared that the Constitution of free India must be framed, without 1938 outside interference, by a Constituent Assembly elected based on Adult Franchise. 1940 First time in principle, the demand for a Constituent Assembly was accepted by the British in the August offer of 1940. 1942 Sir Stafford Cripps came to India with a draft proposal to frame an independent Constitution, which was rejected by the Muslim League. Cabinet Mission was sent to India, which rejected the idea of two Constituent assemblies. Hence, Elections were held as per the Cabinet Mission plan of 1946 to establish the Constituent Assembly.



### British India (296)

Note: Members of the Muslim League who were originally from Pakistani territory withdrew from the Indian Constituent Assembly. As a result, strength decreased from 296 to 229.

#### Princely states (93)

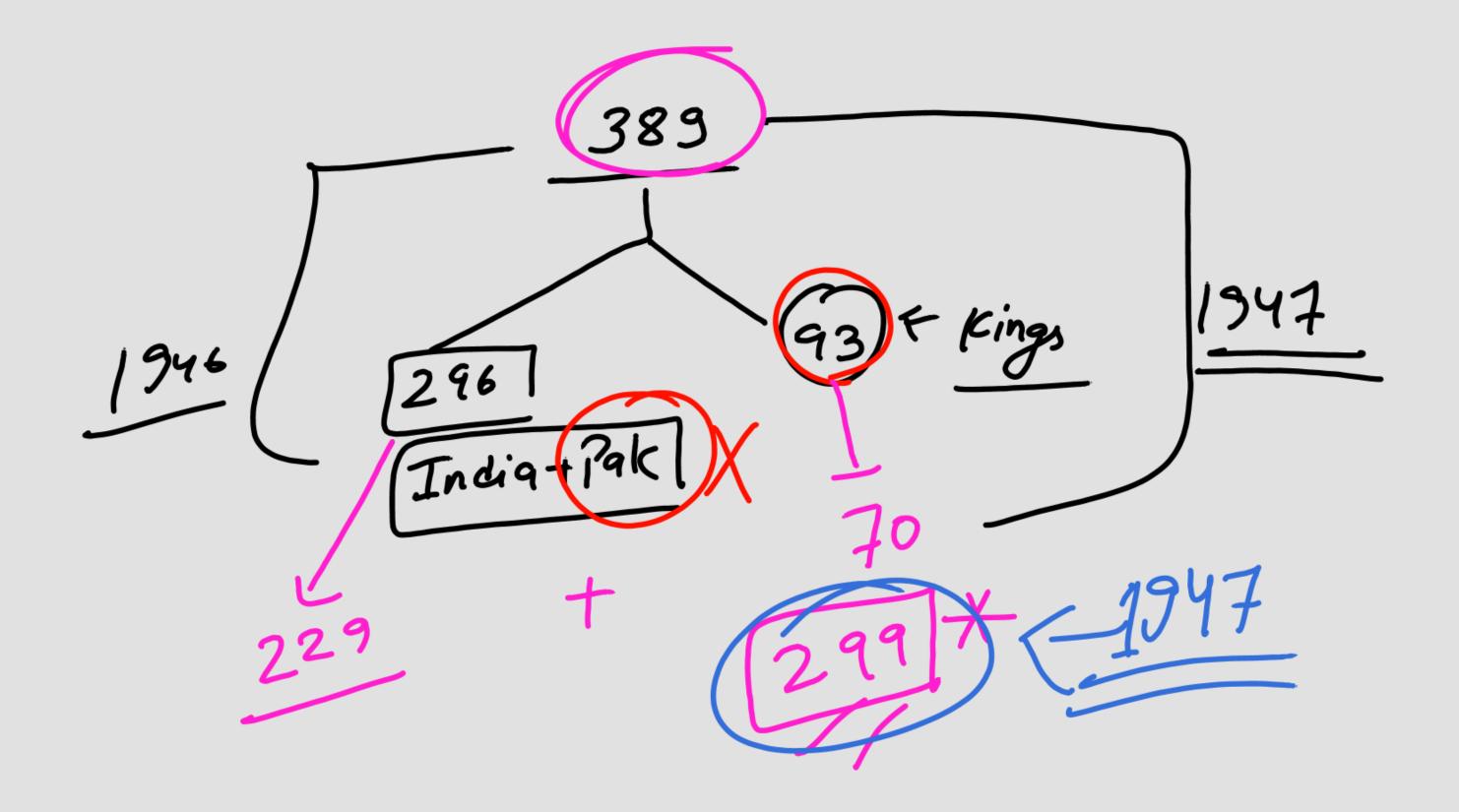
Note: The strength of the princely kingdoms decreased from 93 to 70 when members of the Muslim League withdrew from the Indian Constituent Assembly.

•From 11 governors' provinces. (292) •From the four Chief Commissioners'

provinces, one from each. (4)

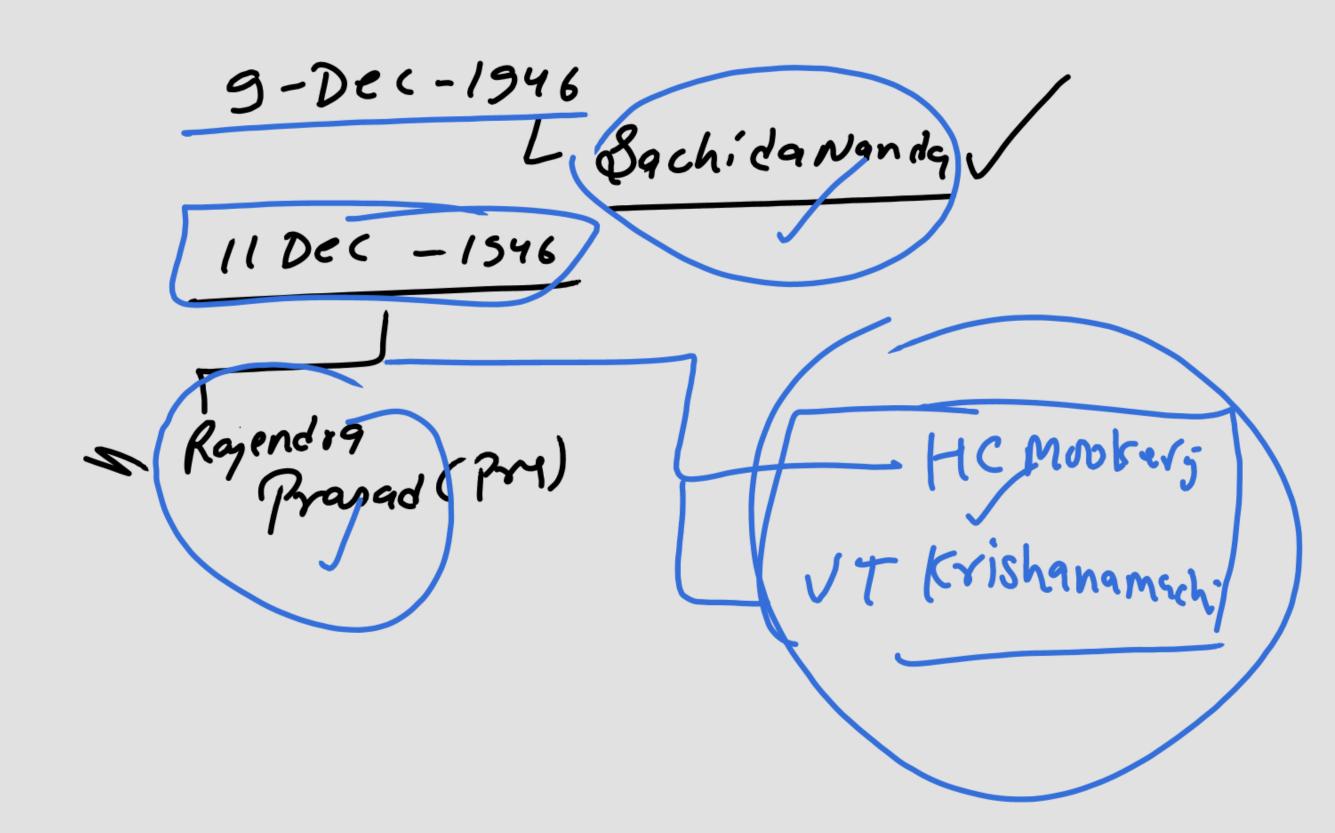
- •Seats allocated to each British province were divided among three principal •Representatives of Princely states communities- Muslims, Sikhs, and General, in proportion to their population.
- The representatives of each community were elected by members of that community in the provincial legislative Assembly, and voting was Proportional Representation through SingleTransferable Vote.

were to be nominated by their respective h eads.



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- 9 December 1946: The Constituent Assembly sat for the first time.
- Bachidananda Sinha 11 December 1946:
  - Rajendra Prasad as President, Harendra Coomar Krishnamachari as the Vice Presidents were elected, and B. N. Constitutional legal advisor was appointed.
- 13 December 1946:
  - Jawaharlal Nehru introduced the famous "Objective Resolution" in the Assembly, which laid down the philosophy of the Constitution of India.
- / BR Ambedkar The <u>Drafting Committee</u> was most important set up on Aug 29, 1947. It consisted of 7 members.



- Ratified India's membership of Commonwealth in May, 1949.
- · Adopted the National Flag on July 22, 1947, Pingali Venkeyag
- Adopted National Song & National Anthem on Jan 24, 1950.
- Elected Rajendra Prasad as first President of India on Jan 24, 1950.
- Final session of C.A. on Jan 24, 1950. However, it continued as provisional Parliament of India from Jan 26, 1950 till formation of new Parliament (May, 1952).
- Total sessions = 11 Total time = 2 years, 11 months, 18 days

# SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTORS & SYMBOLS: BEHIND THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

Elephant adopted as C.A. symbol.

Sir B.N. Rau was Constitutional Adviser to C.A.

V.R. Iyengar was Secretary to C.A.

N. Mukherjee was chief draftsman of constitution in C.A.

Prem Behari Raizada was the calligrapher of the Constitution.

Nand Lal Bose & B.R. Sinha decorated & beautified the Constitution.

Hindi version calligraphy done by Vasant Krishan Vaidya &

illuminated by Nand Lal Bose

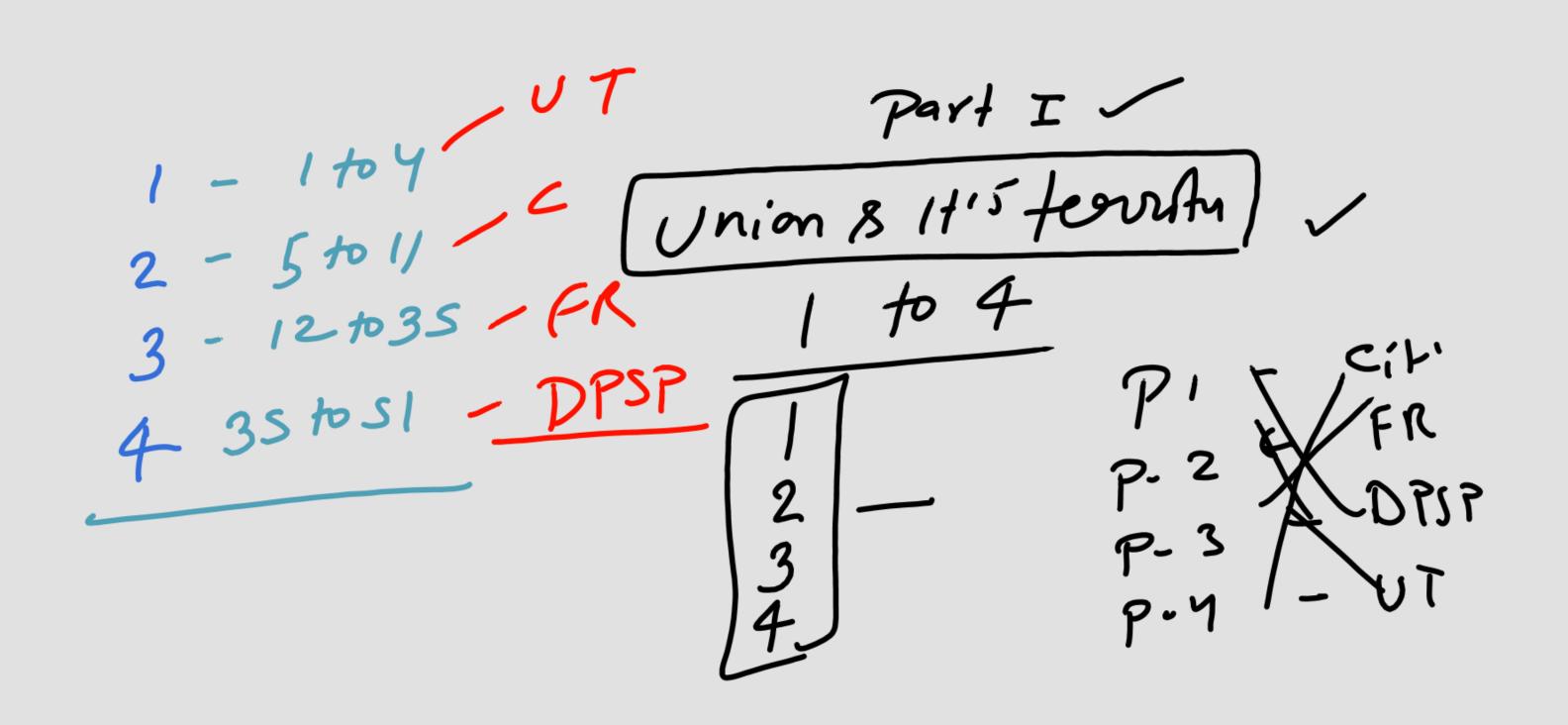
- •The Constituent Assembly of India appointed a total of 13 committees to deal with different tasks related to the framing of the constitution.
- •There were 8 Major committees and the rest were minor ones. The list of major committees and their heads are mentioned below:
  - Drafting Committee B. R. Ambedkar
  - Union Power Committee Jawahariai Nehru
  - Union Constitution Committee Jawaharlal Nehru
  - Provincial Constitution Committee Vallabhbhai Patel
  - Advisory Committee on Fundamental Rights, Minorities and Tribal and Excluded Areas Vallabhbhai Patel.
  - Rules of Procedure Committee Rajendra Prasad
  - States Committee (Committee for Negotiating with States) Jawaharlal Nehru
  - Steering Committee Rajendra Prasad

How Many Articles are there in Indian Constitution?

• Indian constitution has 448 articles in 25 parts and 12 schedules and has made 106 amendments to add all these, initially it has had 395 articles in 22 parts and 8 schedules.

| Parts and Subject                                 | Articles                  |
|---|---------------------------|
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| Schedules in Ir | ndian Constitution   |
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| Schedules       | Features of Schedules  |
| 1st Schedule    | It contains the name of States and Union Territories                       |
|                 | Territorial Jurisdiction of states is also included                        |
| 2nd Schedule    | The provisions in relation to allowances, privileges, emoluments of:       |
|                 | •President of India  |
|                 | •Governors of Indian States  |
|                 | •Speaker of Lok Sabha & Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha                        |
|                 | •Chairman of Rajya Sabha & Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha                  |
|                 | •Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Legislative Assemblies of Indian States     |
|                 | •Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Legislative Councils of the Indian States |
|                 | •Supreme Court Judges ←  |
|                 | •High Court Judges —   |
|                 | *Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG)                              |
| 3rd Schedule    | It contains the forms of oath and affirmation for:                         |
|                 | •Union Ministers of India  |
|                 | •Parliament Election Candidates  |
|                 | •Members of Parliament (MPs)   |
|                 | *Supreme Court Judges  |
|                 | Comptroller and Auditor General  |
|                 | •State Ministers   |
|                 | •State Legislature Elections' Candidates                                   |
|                 | •State Legislature Members   |
|                 | •High Court Judges   |
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| It contains the provisions in relation to the allocation of seats for States and Union Territories in the Rajya Sabha  |
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| It contains provisions in relation to the administration and control of scheduled areas and scheduled tribes   |
| It contains provisions in relation to the administration of tribal areas in the states of Assam,  Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram   |
| This schedule deals with the three legislative lists   |
| It deals with the 22 official languages recognized by the Constitution:  |
| It deals with the state acts and regulations of that deal with land reforms and the abolition of the Zamindari system. It also deals with the acts and regulations of the Parliament dealing with other matters. |
| It contains provisions relating to disqualification of the members of Parliament and State  Legislatures on the ground of defection.   |
| It contains the provisions that specify the powers, authority and responsibilities of Panchayats,  |
| It deals with the provisions that specify the powers, authority and responsibilities of Municipalities.  |
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