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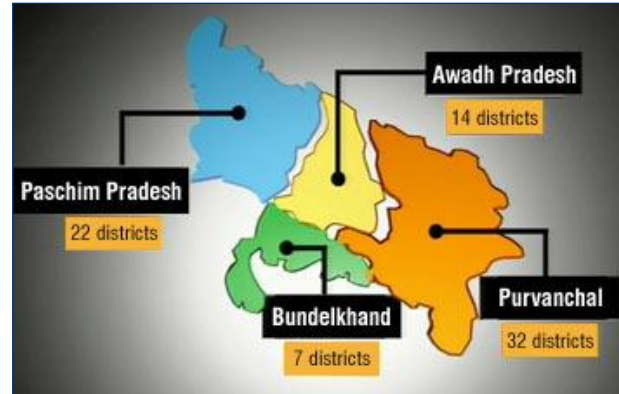
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An article on division of UP into four States

The most populous State of Uttar Pradesh which is also the fourth largest state based on territorial in India has been proposed to be divided into four states. The proposal came in the form of resolution passed in UP state assembly by Mayawati Govt during month of Nov, 2011 and sent to Centre for consideration.

As per Section 1 of the constitution, the Centre has only the power to reorganise(Change the boundary, Split the state in two or more smaller states, Join the states) or change the name of a state. Such bill has to be tabled to the Rajya Sabha(Upper House or Council of States) first and once Rajya Sabha passes, It can go to Lok Sabha(Lower House or House of People). The reason why Rajya Sabha has got upper hand is that it represents the state. For example, A Member of Lok Sabha from Coimbatore represents his constituency but a member of Rajya Sabha from Tamilnadu state assembly represents whole Tamilnadu state as that person has been elected by MLSs of Tamilnadu.

Also a state(UP in this case) can pass the resolution but has no say in this reorganization of state as per law. Centre is only entitled.



As per resolution of UP assembly, Four proposed states are:

1. Pashchim Pradesh(West UP) : Meerut, Aligarh etc
2. Awadh(Central UP) : Lucknow, Kanpur etc
3. Purwanchal(Eastern UP) : Allahabad, Varanasi, Gorkhpur etc
4. Bundelkhand(Southern UP) : Jhansi, Hamirpur etc

Out of these 4 proposed states, Bundelkhand region is the most undeveloped region and they have not reaped the fruit of development of India. Many govt came and went and none took the issue of real development. This is drought prone zone and full of gully erosion and ravines. For now, the centre has returned back the proposal to then UP Govt in month of Dec, 2011 with certain questions and then Union Home Secretary(R K Singh) was involved in the process. Those questions were like What will be potential capitals of the proposed four states? what will be their boundaries and how it proposes to divide the all India service officers, presently working in Uttar Pradesh, among the four states? How to cope up with the huge debt burden Uttar Pradesh is facing? Plan to divide the pension burden it bears and what will be the revenue sharing arrangements etc

And Hence nothing has happened as of now and Samajwadi Party is opposed to divide the state in principle. Let us see what is happening in coming days.

Note:

Population UP : 199581477 (approx 20 crore), Maharashtra : 112372972 (approx 11 crore), Bihar : 103804637 (approx 10 crore), West Bengal : 91347736 (approx 9 crore)
Area Wise : Rajasthan(1st), MP(2nd), (3rd), UP(4th).