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Has the formation of linguistic states strengthened the cause of Indian unity?

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Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.

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Potti Sriramulu, 1952

Fast unto death that precipitated the creation of Andhra state in 1953.

States Reorganisation Commission

Fazl Ali commission whose report guided the linguistic map enacted in 1956.

States Reorganisation Act, 1956

Law that redrew most of India into language-based states and union territories.

Bombay split, 1960

Creation of Gujarat and Maharashtra after bilingual Bombay proved unstable.

Punjab Reorganisation, 1966

Division into Punjab and Haryana, with Chandigarh as a union territory, on language and Sikh political lines.

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