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Background:-

- At present there are 29 states and 7 union territories in our India.
- During the British rule India is divided into 11 big states.
- 'State Reorganization Act' came in 1956. According to this State Reorganization Act, on November 1st, 1956, India is divided into 14 states and 4 union territories.
- Later, there have been demands for smaller states for the need of development. By that 28 states are formed.
- Recently formed states are 'Telangana' which is separated from 'Andhra Pradesh', 'Jharkhand' which is separated from 'Bihar', 'Chattisgarh' from 'Madya Pradesh', and 'Utterakhand' from 'Utter Pradesh'.
- Now, there have demands for 'Gorkhaland' from 'West Bengal', 'Vidarbha' from 'Maharastra'.

In Favor:-

- By smaller states, educational, industrial, and agricultural development will be faster.
- By smaller states, people of backward regions can better taken care of.
- 'Haryana' which is divided from 'Punjab' in 1966, became one of India's fastest growing states with the third highest capita per income. And, It was the first state to introduce crop insurance scheme in North India.
- Competition between states will be high. So that development increases.
- Cultures, languages would be preserved.

In Against:-

- It involves a lot of expenditure such as more number of ministers, courts etc.
- Nagaland, Meghalaya, Mizoram etc. are divided from Assam, but they still remained as backward states.
- In some regions, political leaders are are demanding for separate state for their selfish reasons such as minister posts.

- People of other states may wrongly motivated by the division of other states, and they may also start revolution.
- India - unity in diversity. So, we should strive for unity.

Conclusion:-

If there are effective and honest leaders, there is no need of reorganization of states. And the division of state mainly depends on the current situation of the state. If disadvantages of separating the state are much less than the advantages, it should be divided.

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