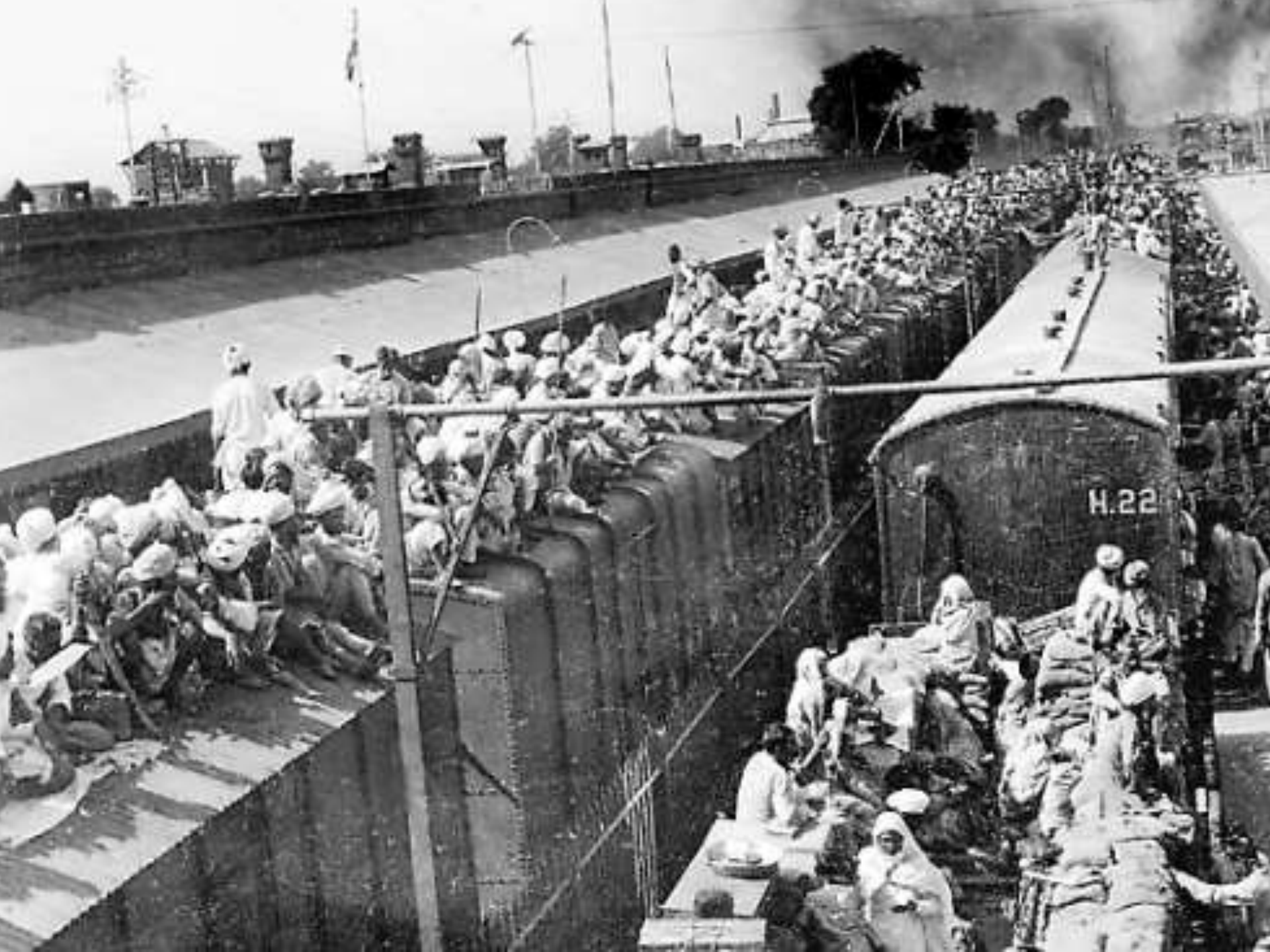


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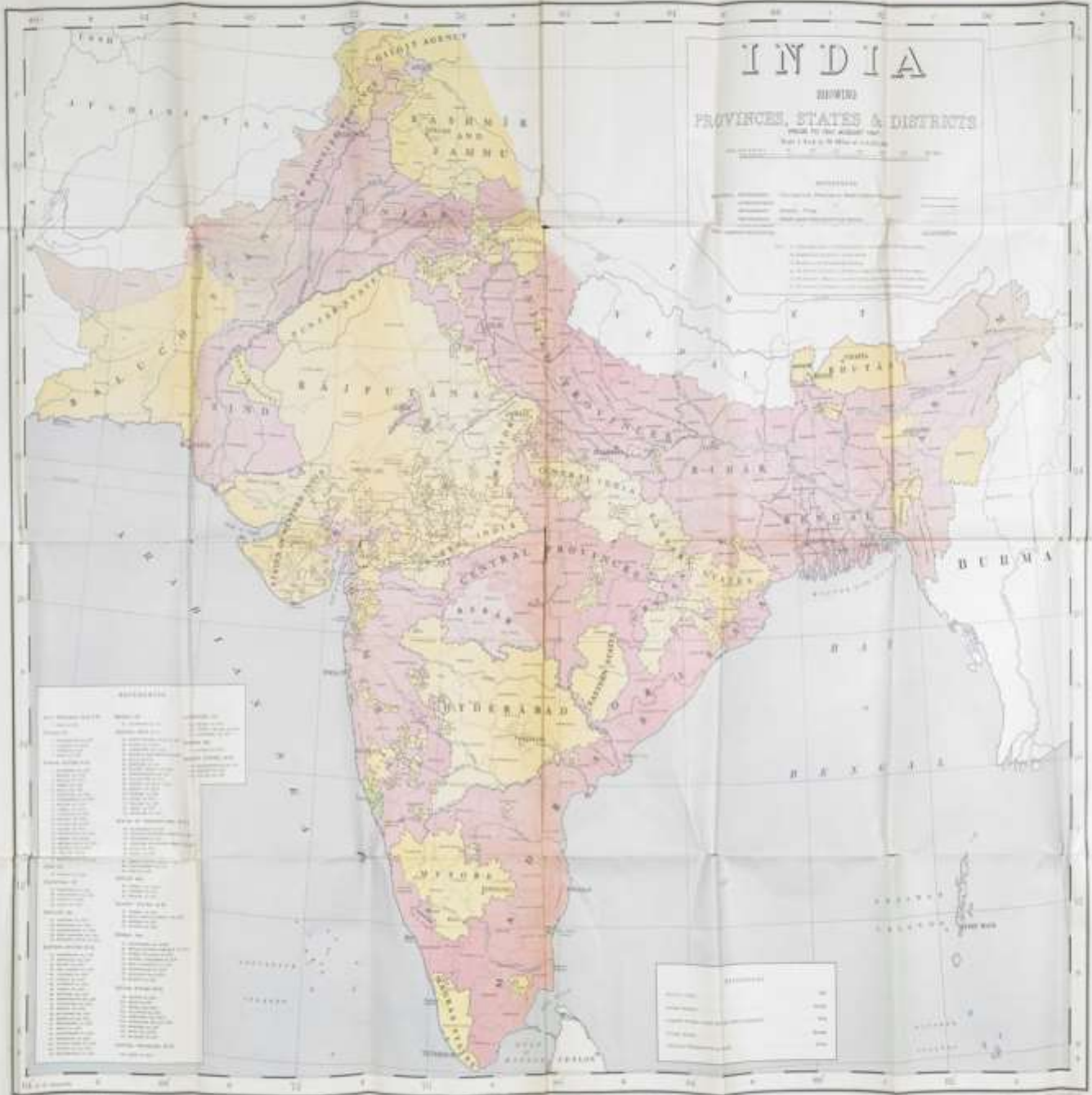
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INDIA

SHOWING
PROVINCES, STATES & DISTRICTS

Scale of Miles
Scale of Kilometers

GENERAL INFORMATION

Area of India	2,980,000 square miles
Population	290,000,000
Capital	Calcutta
Government	British
Religion	Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, etc.
Language	Hindi, English, etc.
Climate	Tropical, monsoon
Principal Cities	Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, etc.
Principal Rivers	Ganges, Brahmaputra, etc.
Principal Mountains	Himalayas, Deccan, etc.
Principal Seas	Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal, etc.
Principal Islands	Ceylon, Lakshadweep, etc.
Principal Colonies	Andaman and Nicobar Islands, etc.
Principal Protectorates	Princely States, etc.
Principal Dependencies	Chagos Islands, etc.
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LEGEND

Province	Yellow
State	Pink
District	Blue
City	Black
Town	Red
Village	Green
Railway	Black
Road	Red
River	Blue
Sea	Blue
Mountain	Black
Island	Black
Colon	Black
Dependency	Black
Possession	Black

BRIDGE STREET CLOAKS

Table listing names and numbers on Bridge Street Cloaks, including entries like 'John Thompson (25) 10-15' and 'Mary White (25) 10-20'.

HANAY STREET

Table listing names and numbers on Hanay Street, including entries like 'John Smith (25) 10-15' and 'Mary Jones (25) 10-20'.

HANAY STREET CLOAKS

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SPRING VALLEY ROAD CLOAKS

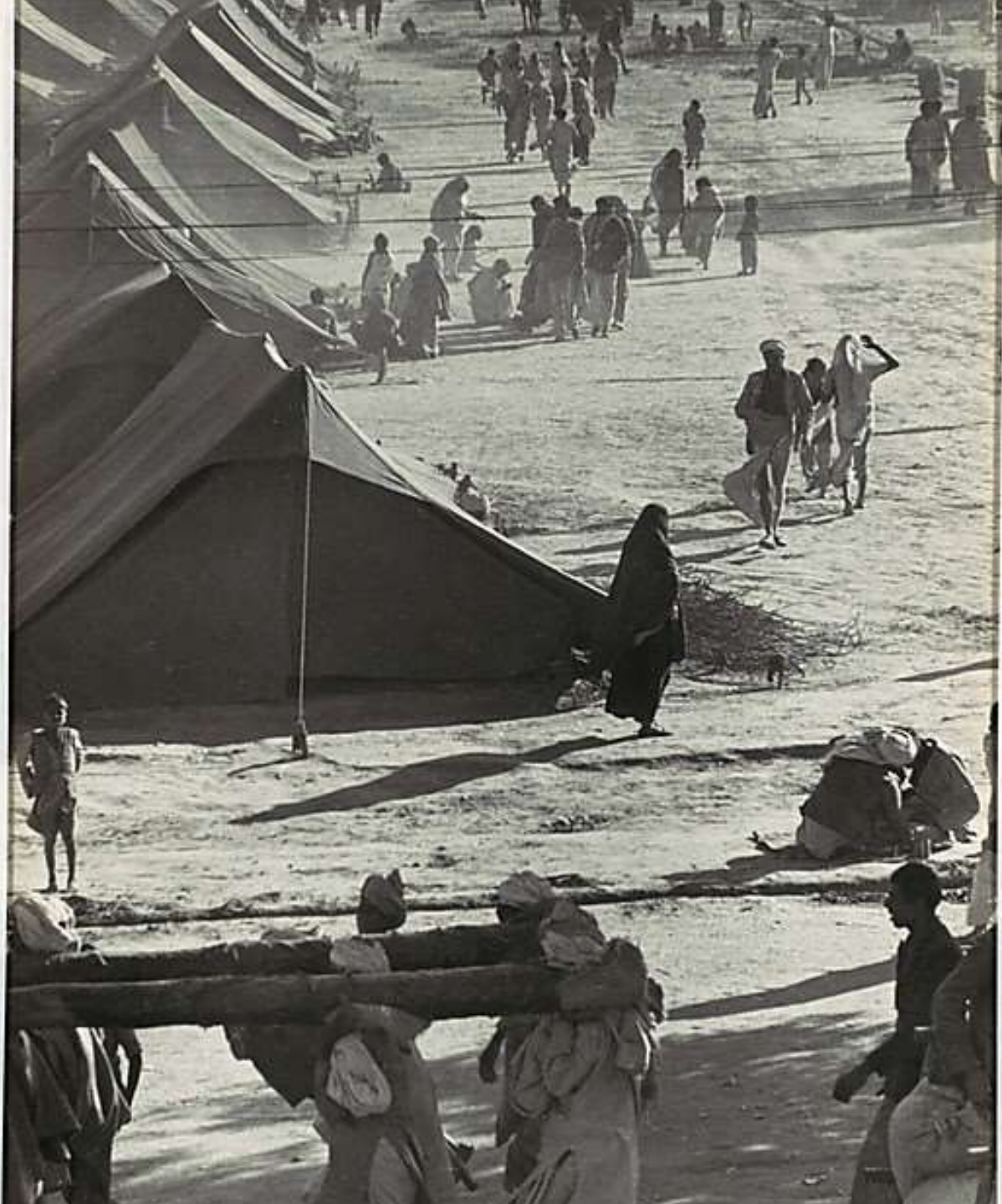
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Voters > 173,000,000





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TELEGRAM

STATE.

Refer

CA/9/FR/48 - REFERENCE CIRCULAR LETTER NO. CA/64/RR/47
DATED 15TH MARCH 1948 REGARDING PREPARATION OF PRELIMINARY
ELECTORAL ROLLS AAA ON REPRESENTATION MADE BY SOME PROVINCES
REGARDING DIFFICULTIES CONNECTED WITH ENROLMENT OF REFUGES
IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT FOR THE PRESENT REFUGES SHOULD BE
REGISTERED IN ELECTORAL ROLLS ON MERE DECLARATION BY THEM OF
THEIR INTENTION TO RESIDE PERMANENTLY IN THE TOWN OR VILLAGE
CONCERNED IRRESPECTIVE OF THE ACTUAL PERIOD OF RESIDENCE AAA
SUCH ENROLMENT IS LIABLE TO REVISION IN DUE TIME IN ACCORDANCE
WITH ELECTORAL LAW WHEN ENACTED AAA QUESTION OF RELAXING
RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED WHEN THE ELECTORAL
LAW IS UNDER EXAMINATION

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Explaining mock elections ahead of the first elections (S.H. Dhillon, CEO Delhi 1951)



'The day of voting dawns, the day of decision. By all means look your best, for today you have to be at your best'
(*Democracy in Action*, Film Division of India, 1950)







KATAJI SUBHASHI ROAD
केवजी सुभाष रोड
JANSHEDI TATA ROAD
जानशेदी टाटा रोड
VOTES 1-2 अणार १९३३-३४

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Implications for voter education for inclusive, informed & ethical participation

1. Breeding trust among the electorate and administrators was a precondition for voter education.
2. Tutoring into electoral literacy entailed a two-way learning process.
3. Electoral literacy had to be imparted to both voters and administrators at all levels.
4. Voter education had to imbue the spirit of democracy and a new 'habit of mind.'