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Statement of Objects and Reasons appended to the Constitution (Twelfth Amendment) Bill, 1962 which was enacted as the Constitution (Twelfth Amendment) Act, 1962
STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS On the acquisition of the territories of Goa, Daman and Diu with effect from the 20th December, 1961, these territories have, by virtue of sub-clause (c) of clause (3) of article 1 of the Constitution, been comprised within the territory of India from that date and they are being administered as a Union territory by the President through an Administrator in accordance with article 239 of the Constitution. It is, however, considered desirable that Goa, Daman and Diu should be specifically included as a Union territory in the First Schedule to the Constitution. It is also considered that clause (1) of article 240 should be suitably amended to confer power on the President to make regulations for the peace, progress and good government of Goa, Daman and Diu, as has been done in the case of Dadra and Nagar Haveli. The Constitution (Twelfth Amendment) Bill, 1962 seeks to make the above mentioned provisions. An Act further to amend the Constitution of India. BE it enacted by Parliament in the Thirteenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.-

(1) This Act may be called the Constitution (Twelfth Amendment) Act, 1962. (2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 20th day of December 1961.

2. Amendment of the First Schedule to the Constitution.-

In the First Schedule to the Constitution, under the heading "THE UNION TERRITORIES", after entry 7, the following entry shall be inserted, namely:-

8. Goa, Daman and Diu:

The territories which immediately before the twentieth day of December, 1961 were comprised in Goa, Daman and Diu."

3. Amendment of article 240.-

In article 240 of the Constitution, in clause (1), after entry (c), the following entry shall be inserted, namely:-(d) Goa, Daman and Diu." [The Constitution (Twelfth Amendment) Act, 1962, one of the prominent ones for the country as in December 1961, India acquired Goa, Daman, and Diu from Portugal. To bring this integration into effect, the First Schedule of the Indian Constitution was amended in 1962. This amendment integrated Goa, Daman, and Diu as India's eighth Union territory. It also included these areas under clause (1) of Article 240 of the Constitution. It allowed the President of India to "establish rules for the peace, progress, and good governance of the territory." Also refer]