

Government's Approach

- **The then interim government took a firm steps against the possible division of India into small principalities of different sizes.**
- **The government's approach was guided by three considerations :-**
 - **The people of most of the princely states clearly wanted to become part of the Indian Union.**
 - **The government was prepared to be flexible in giving autonomy to some regions.**
 - **Consolidation of the territorial boundaries of the nation had assumed supreme importance.**