S.R.O. 3524—The following order made by the President is published for general information:

THE PUNJAB REGIONAL COMMITTEES ORDER, 1957

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of article 371 of the Constitution, the President hereby makes, with respect to the State of Punjab, the following Order, namely:

1. (1) This order may be called the Punjab Regional Committees Order, 1957.

2. It shall come into force on the 4th day of November, 1957.

(a) "Assembly" means the Legislative Assembly of the State;

(b) "Chief Minister" means the Chief Minister of the State;

(c) "Council" means the Legislative Council of the State;

(d) "Minister" means a Minister of the State and include a Deputy Minister of the State;

(e) "region" means the Hindi region or the Punjabi region as specified in the First Schedule;

(f) "regional committee" means a regional committee constituted by paragraph 3 of this Order;

(g) "Scheduled matters" means the matters specified in the Second Schedule;
(h) "Schedule" means a Schedule appended to this Order;

(i) "State" means the State of Punjab.

3. (1) There shall be two regional committees of the Assembly, one for the Punjabi region and the other for the Hindi region, consisting respectively of the members of the Assembly who for the time being represent the constituencies within that region;

Provided that the Chief Minister and the Speaker shall not be members of either regional committee.

(2) Every Minister shall have the right to speak in, and otherwise to take part in the proceedings of any regional committee, but shall not, by virtue of such right, be entitled to vote at any meeting of the regional committee of which he is not a member.

4. All scheduled matters shall be within the purview of the regional committee to the extent and in the manner provided by this Order.

5. Every Bill which is not a Money Bill and contains mainly provisions dealing with schedule matters shall, upon introduction in the Assembly or if it has been introduced in and passed by the Council, upon transmission to the Assembly be referred to the regional committee or committees concerned for consideration and report to the Assembly.

6. Any Bill referred to the regional committees under paragraph May 5, if so recommended by them, be passed by the Assembly with such variations as may be necessary in its application to the two regions.

7. Each regional committee shall have the power to consider and pass resolutions recommending to the State Government any legislative or executive action with respect to scheduled matters, so
however that, the executive action relates to general questions of policy and the legislative or executive action does not involve any financial commitment other than expenditures of a routine and incidental character.

8. The modifications directed in the Third Schedule shall be made in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly and shall not in any way be affected by any amendments that may hereafter be made in the said Rules by the Assembly under article 208 of the Constitution.

9. The modifications directed in the Fourth Schedule shall be made in the Rules of Business of the Punjab Government and shall not in any way be affected by any amendment that may hereafter be made in the said Rules by the Governor under clause (3) of article 166 of the Constitution.

10. The Governor shall have special responsibility for securing the proper functioning of regional committees in accordance with the provisions of this Order.