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I. The Government of India has asked me to obtain information on the following points from the Group of Experts:

(a) What type of information should be included in the national gazetteers of countries ?

(b) How should this information be arranged ?

I therefore request the Group to deliberate on this problem and find a solution.

II. My own view on the subject is stated below:

(a) As far as possible all the geographical entities should be included in a national gazetteer.

(b) The entries should be arranged as under:

Name in the national or official language	Romanized spelling or in the case of countries using Roman alphabet the phonetic spelling in Roman	Description	
(1)	(2)	(3)	
State/Division	Geographical Co-ordinates	Remarks	Ref. No.
(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)

Notes: i) If a place has more than one name in common use, the most important one should be entered first followed by alternatives in the order of importance.

ii) Co-ordinates should be sufficiently accurate to enable it to be identified without ambiguity.

2 million names for India - 30 volumes would be required.  
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1 list of spelling changes