

Q52 - Government policies

1. What could be the various possible threats of undoing reservation framework in the country? Discuss.

In Last '3' decades, there is increasing Jobs growth, Recessionary conditions in Economy. This may demands for reservations ^{based} on Economic backwardness. One such is recent Economically weaker sections Reservations but deligitimising Caste in policies will have long term implications

Contemporary Inequalities & Inheritance.

Today's Inequalities are not result ^{within} of one's own life time. Inequality based on Economic Social, political are inherited. Eg: Inheritance of Inequalities → 'wealth'. 'All India Debt & Investment Survey', 2019- Shows deepening Caste Inequalities in India.

Gini coefficient ⇒ continuously increasing
0.62 (1990) → 0.68 (2020).

Per capita income → of upper castes → > 8 Lakhs
OBC's > 4 Lakhs, SC - > 2.2L ; ST - > 2.3 Lakhs.

These inequalities trace back to history →
Land policies of british era

~~For~~ Land's buildings → constitutes 60.1 & 22.1
on total wealth. But british, allowed Land
for only certain legitimate Caste. Thus increasing
Inequality.

Modern day → Real Estates → rising of private
Property. private property to national Income
ratio increased from 280% to 550% (2022)

How caste neutral policies fair?

Reservation has improved Education, jobs
but failed to address structural Inequality
caste neutral policies ^{will} not ^{cast} address these
Inherited Inequalities, and also reverses the
moderate progress due to reservation and
deepens the structural Inequality.

Thomas pikety → wealth distribution is
political, not merely economic. Thus there need
to be a level playing field