

Do you think that the Committee for Reforms in criminal law locks subjugated groups out of the consultation process? Comment (200 words)

The Ministry of Home Affairs constituted a Committee for reforms in criminal law to undo the colonial foundation of our laws. Such reforms must happen with the view and opinions of all diversities.

Locking the opinion of Subjugated groups:-

The oppressed groups are being kept out of deliberation process in a careful manner by the following reasons.

→ Time frame of consultation

The consultation process is only being held only for a period of 3 months (from 4th July 2020).
preventing participation of jurist and lawyers all over the country.

→ Timing of the Committee prevent economically

oppressed The committee has started its work amidst the pandemic situation prevents the people who are already under struggle with healthcare and education.

Such people can't participate

→ Gender biased oppression / lack of diversity

all the members of the committee are men and are from North India

This lack of diversity oppresses the other groups from different parts of India.

→ Mode of consultation

In a country like India with only 40% of internet users the opinion is only collected exclusively through website.

Way forward

→ When reforms are made they must be cautious and inclusive in approach

→ The deliberations must be broad based cover people of all diversities