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Q7) Critically examine the recent decision of Maharashtra Assembly to grant 10% reservation to the Maratha community in education & government jobs, considering both the arguments for and against reservation policies in India. (152, 10M)

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The reservation policy in India is broadly based on "positive discrimination" to the people of society who have age-old disadvantages of equality, Justice & opportunity. Article 15 & 16 talks about reservation.

Recently, many regional groups Jats (UP), Meenas (Rajasthan), Reddys (Telangana) Marathas (Maharashtra) - have demanded for reservation - which is a double-edged sword.

Arguments in favour

1) Increase in opportunity: constitution envisages equality in opportunity - those of socio-economic low people should be given its share.

eg:- major Maratha group are socio-economic poor.

2) Can reduce poverty: Reservation as a tool of upliftment - has shown positive results in SC, ST community.

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3) Active voice in politics: Social & political representation can be improved with the help of reservation.
eg:- SC/ST - reservation has helped in exposing to caste atrocities crimes.

4) equity in share of resources: reservation upholds the value of equal sharing of resources - this can help reduce accumulation of wealth to some.

Good mention -

Arguments against

1) Against the significance of reservation: Reservation was envisaged for age-old destruction & not as economic upliftment.

2) Breaching Quota of 50% reservation: It breaches reservation quota set by SC in Indira Swamy Judgment.

3) Hard to pull back: Reservations are usually found to be pulled back - causing communal & political tensions.

4) Politics in play: Major demand & pulled due to politics of state & demands of some.

Include about Review and Ref arms Collaborative Approach etc.

ensure proper health & education facilities in rural areas.

Way Forward

Focus on socio-economic upliftment of people

Increasing size of economy & potential growth
"Thrainomics"

Inform citizens about need, causes & proper benefit of reservation. - SC

Reservation should be given on basis of "Triple Test" designed by SC - and not on political whims & demands from some people.