

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 (10 marks).

Indian constitution endorses in support of reservation policies for the SC, ST and other backward classes that embrace a real manifestation for proportional equality.

A 330 & 332: representation in Parl & State legislature for SC/ST's.

Constitutional provisions

Part XVI: deals with reservation of SC/ST in Central & S. legislature

A 15(4) & 16(4): reserve seats in public services

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Good points here

arguments for

- i) provide a level playing field for backward section of the society.
- ii) Undo the historical injustice committed against backward section
- iii) Bring in adequate representation of backward classes in services.
- iv) EQUITY in society.
- v) Promotion of women education by indulging more from even backward classes.

arguments against

- i) Can lead to divisions, stratification & unity in services.
- ii) perpetuate casteism in the society
- iii) effects and hampers meritocracy.
- iv) Used as a political weapon for sole purpose of vote bank through stake

vi) Such policies would help increase gross enrollment ratios as well as labour force participation rate

vii) help achieve a sound base for SOCIAL DEMOCRACY.

vi) ~~studies~~ lead to frequent clashes among ~~the~~ reserved and non reserved classes, a political instability in state.

vii) Technical lacunae still persists in policy wherein ~~sub category~~ true beneficiaries get neglected.

Mention also Strengthening the Bill, Exploring Alternatives, Collaborative Approach, Review and Reform etc.

i) Reservation is fair, as far as it provides positive discrimination for actual benefit of downtrodden sections.

ii) Meritocracy shall not be polluted on the basis of reservation.

iii) A strong political will is indispensable to find equilibrium between justice to the backwards, equity for forwards and efficiency for entire system.

Thus, Reservation policies conform to the aspirations of our founding fathers of Indian constitution, still the framework requires a robust mechanism to bring out equity and justice to the society.