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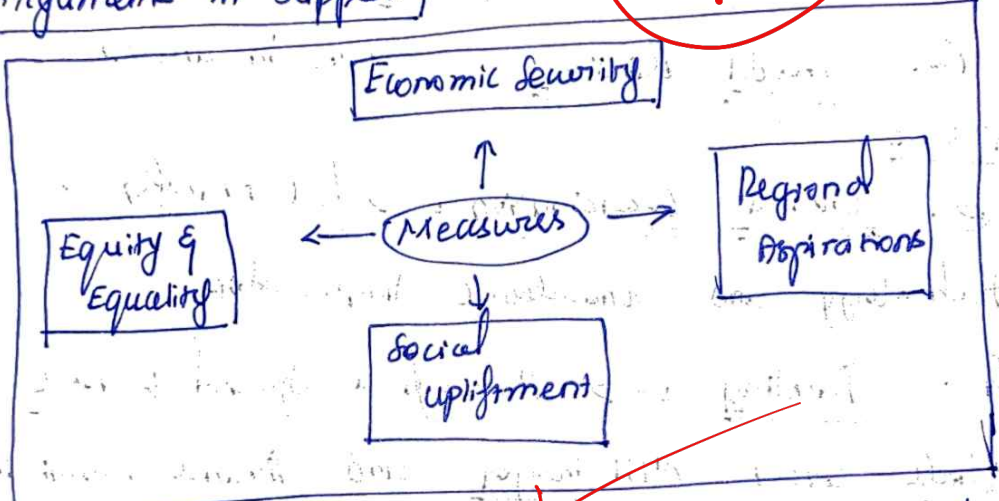
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The Maharashtra State government has sanctioned 10% reservation to Marathas. The sanction is a result of nearly 3 year protest by Marathas quota activist Jarange patil.

Maharashtra quota for Marathas will involve a legislative measure (Act) to be included in the Ninth Schedule.

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Arguments in support :-



Good Points and explanations

① Social Upliftment: of down trodden, including SC/ST and women (sub categorization of Backward classes into MBC and BC)

② Regional Aspirations: Give value to aspirations of the electorate and regional unity. (Son of the Soil argument)

③. Economic Welfare : → Economic upliftment, as nearly 10% of Maratha population may get well paid, permanent jobs.

④. Equity and Equality → Reduce inequality in terms of economic status (Income, wealth etc) and social status.

Arguments against :-

①. Regional frictions : → Other states could also demand state specific reservations (Against Article 14 and 19)

②. Judicial Issues : → Goes against the spirit of Jhira Sushrey Case (50% ceiling) and Mandal Commission.

③. Open Competition → Only 40% of seats

*Explicitly be unavailable for open competition.*

④. Coste Dynamics → Reinforces the concept amongst the future generations.

Way forward :-

→ Abide by Judicial / legislative orders.

→ Re instate National Integration Council (NIC)

→ Measure to provide better private sector jobs

The saying is "United we stand; Divided we fall."

Unity, with measures to take regional aspirations into consideration, will go a long way.