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Q. Seventy-five years after independence, there is a growing call to revisit India's reservation system in the larger interest of the society and to advance transformative constitutionalism. Critically analyse the need for reassessing the reservation policy to ensure social justice and inclusive development. 28M.

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Reservation policy is an affirmative action for groups lagging on socio-economic indicators due to historical injustices under Article 14. It is giving meaning to EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY guaranteed by the Constitution.

Growing Call to Revisit India's Reservation System

There has been both political and legal challenge to the reservation policy on account of its 'temporary measure'.

- protests by once influential Jats, Rajputs, Marathas.

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- SC judgement on creamy layer concept in SC/ST slab.
- Call for caste based census.

Reservation policy for social justice and inclusive development

- (a) Create "SOCIAL CAPITAL" in the society
- (b) ~~a~~ Creating EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY for people leftout due to lack of resources.
- (c) To Avotho the CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF HISTORICAL INJUSTICES like caste system.

- (d) fulfilling the DPSP; which are goal is social justice.

- (e) helps in living a dignified and empowered life. eg. Harijans getting govt. jobs gets recognition.

However, despite the position, there have been growing sentiment towards Reservation policy on following grounds:-

- (a) based on Caste which is an ascriptive identity.
- (b) Caste based politics, Casteism, etc Caste related violence
- (c) temporary provision.
- (d) NON-EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION: few dominant Caste have bagged majority of govt. jobs and education Reservation.
e.g. Maratha Community.
- (e) COST OF EXIT is very high.
- (f) REVERSE DISCRIMINATION: against high to equality.
- (g) growing Clamour among influential groups like Jats, Maratha etc.

Reservation policy was meant for VERTICAL
UPWARD MOVEMENT of backward group,
instead it has created DOWNWARD SPIRAL
of backward Caste.

Suggestion : TO ensure, reservation policy
remains aligned with SOCIAL JUSTICE and
INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT, following suggestions

- (a) Clear identification of beneficiary.
- (b) Assessment after every 10 years.
- (c) Concept of Creamy layer in SC/ST
- (d) ensure INTRA-CASTE Equity.
- (e) Create quality, formal jobs in Markets.

Reservation policy was created with a
new vision. However, growing ghettoisation,
ghettoisation and lack of quality jobs have
threatened the system. There have to new
policy like EWS and Rohini Commission
to make necessary changes.