

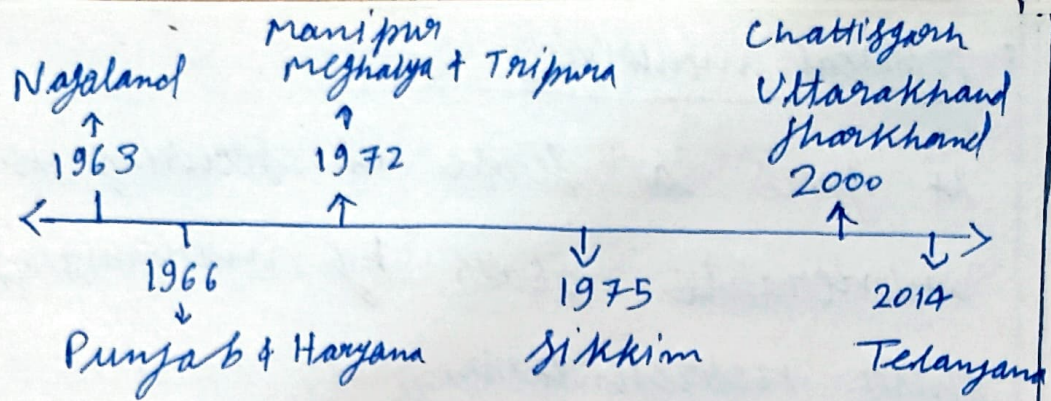
The demand for smaller states reflects both democratic aspiration and administrative despatch.

critically examine this statement in light of India's federal str, regional inequalities and cultural div.

Answer

India is country of diversity. where, various groups of people live together. The demand for smaller states emerged on the basis of ethnic ~~and~~, linguistic identity and economically deprivation. To address this issue we started to form smaller states starting with Nagaland (1963)





There is various advantages of having small states:-

- Decentralised Governance

It helps in deal with grass-root problems. It gives a sense of belongingness to their people.

- Administrative Efficiency.

Due to small geographical area relationship between executive and common people improve.

It results in good productivity of welfare schemes.

- Economic Optimization

Smaller states can easily frame their policy to use natural resources and human capital.



- political insensitivity.

it gives a sense of security to vulnerable class by mainstreaming their representation.

- Cultural consolidation

it helps to protect ethnic and linguistic identity, it protect from intervention of Alien people in their culture.

But it also have some Drawbacks too:-

- Burden of Administrative expenditure:-

Formation of new states leads to establishment of various infrastructure like Secretariat, Capital city etc.



- Political Balkanization:-

It can lead to a fragmented society, which results in weakening National unity.

- Resource Dispute:-

Formation of new states leads to dispute over Natural resources like  $\rightarrow$  Cauvery water dispute b/w Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

- Amplification of Identity politics:-

It solidifies sectarian divides, complicating the cultural integration of minorities.

To address these issues.

Various steps can be taken:-

- Cultural diversity should be intact. Various policy should be formed for the preservation of culture.



- Intra state dispute. Should be solved with the inter-mediation of state finance commission.
- To address grass-root problems more Powers should be given to local bodies.
- Establishment of Regional autonomous council, for the safeguarding of customs and tradition.
- There should be surveys done for economic viability. ~~for the~~ of smaller states formation.



Formation of states done between  
the Pendulum of Unitary and  
federal structure of government.

But, smaller states can also  
work as "micro-laboratory of  
democracy". Considering

the National interest and  
regional aspiration smaller  
state should be formed.