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What are the provisions given in the Constitution of India for the safeguard of the Scheduled Caste populations?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Anthropology GS 2 · 15 marks · Caste system in India

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Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round.

Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955

Enacted to operationalize **Article 17** by prescribing punishments for the preaching and practice of untouchability.

Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989

Statutory enactment designed to prevent atrocities and hate crimes against members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)

Constitutional body established under **Article 338** to investigate safeguards and monitor socio-economic development.

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