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Q12

What is the basis of regionalism? Is it that unequal distribution of benefits of development on regional basis eventually promotes regionalism? Substantiate your answer.

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States Reorganisation Commission, 1955

Body whose work led to linguistic states in 1956, the main constitutional reply to language-based regionalism.

Telangana, 2014

New state whose movement mixed cultural identity with complaints about irrigation, jobs, and Hyderabad-centred growth.

Article 3

Power of Parliament to form new states and alter boundaries, the legal path many regional movements seek.

Finance Commission

Constitutional body that transfers resources among states and can ease, but not erase, regional fiscal jealousy.

Sons-of-the-soil

Politics that claims local jobs and land for natives, seen in several cities and states beyond poor hinterlands.

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