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Intercaste marriages between castes which have socio-economic parity have increased, to some extent, but this is less true of interreligious marriages. Discuss.

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Special Marriage Act, 1954

A civil marriage statute for couples who marry outside religious personal law, including many interreligious unions.

Hindu Marriage Act, 1955

Does not prohibit marriage between different Hindu castes; social sanction is extra-legal.

Lata Singh; Shafin Jahan

Supreme Court rulings that adult choice of partner is part of liberty under **Article 21**, against family and State overreach.

NFHS pattern

National Family Health Surveys have consistently shown intercaste marriage as uncommon at the all-India level, with higher traces in some urban and educated groups.

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