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Q5

Discuss each adjective attached to the word 'Republic' in the 'Preamble'. Are they defensible in the present circumstances?

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Constitution (42nd Amendment) Act, 1976

Inserted "Socialist" and "Secular" into the Preamble, and also "integrity", during the Emergency-era overhaul of the text.

S.R. Bommai v. Union of India (1994)

Held secularism to be part of basic structure and allowed **Article 356** scrutiny where a State government acts against that principle.

Articles 25 to 28

Freedom of religion, including the State's power of social reform, which is the textual base of Indian secularism even before the Preamble word.

National Food Security Act, 2013

Statutory food entitlement that illustrates a socialist-welfare reading of the Republic after liberalisation.

Article 324

Places elections in the **Election Commission**, a structural support for the democratic adjective of the Republic.

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