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Q16

Multiplicity of various commissions for the vulnerable sections of the society leads to problems of overlapping jurisdiction and duplication of functions. Is it better to merge all commissions into an umbrella Human Rights Commission? Argue your case. (15).

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2018 · GS II · 15 marks · Welfare Schemes for Vulnerable Sections

Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.

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Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993

Creates NHRC and SHRCs; NHRC is statutory, not a Part XVI constitutional commission.

Articles 338, 338A, 338B

NCSC, NCST and NCBC as constitutional watchdog bodies for listed classes.

102nd Constitutional Amendment (2018)

Gave NCBC constitutional status under **Article 338B**, which argues against treating it as a disposable statutory wing.

NCW and NCPCR

Statutory commissions under the NCW Act, 1990, and the Commissions for **Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005**.

Paris Principles

UN standards for national human rights institutions: independence, breadth of mandate, and adequate resources.

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