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Q13

While the national political parties in India favour centralisation, the regional parties are in favour of State autonomy." Comment.

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Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.

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Seventh Schedule

Union, State and Concurrent Lists; political fights over autonomy are fights over who legislates and spends on those subjects.

Article 356

President's rule in a State; historically used more readily by national parties in office at the Centre, and denounced by regional parties.

GST Council

Constitutional federal body on GST; both national and regional governments sit there, which complicates a simple centralisation story.

Sarkaria Commission

Examined Centre-State relations and recommended restraint on **Article 356** and more consultation - a text regional parties often cite.

Coalition era (c. 1989-2014)

Period in which regional parties routinely entered Union cabinets, showing they seek a share of the Centre, not only distance from it.

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