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Q17

"Development and welfare schemes for the vulnerable, by its nature, are discriminatory in approach." Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

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India and its neighborhood - relations.

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Article 15(3) and 15(4)

Allow special provisions for women and children, and for socially and educationally backward classes, SCs and STs.

Article 16(4)

Allows reservation in public employment for backward classes not adequately represented in services.

Indra Sawhney v. Union of India (1992)

Upheld OBC reservation with the creamy-layer exclusion and other limits; equality includes special measures.

Article 46

Directive Principle: promote the educational and economic interests of SCs, STs and other weaker sections.

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005

Demand-based rural wage guarantee targeted at households willing to do unskilled manual work; an example of classified welfare.

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