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Q1

Discuss the 'corrupt practices' for the purpose of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. Analyze whether the increase in the assets of the legislators and/or their associates, disproportionate to their known sources of income, would constitute 'undue influence' and consequently a corrupt practice.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · GS II · 10 marks · Representation of the People Act

Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.

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Section 123(2) Representation of the People Act (RPA)

Defines undue influence as interference with the free exercise of an electoral right, including threats and the use of authority to overawe.

ADR / PUCL disclosure

Supreme Court required candidates to disclose assets, education and criminal cases so that electors can make an informed choice.

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Treated many election-manifesto freebies as policy promises rather than Section 123 bribery, a line still under strain in later debate.

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