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Case study. In a modern democratic polity, there is a concept of the political executive and permanent executive. Elected people's representatives form the political executive and bureaucracy forms the permanent executive. Ministers frame policy decisions and bureaucrats execute these. In the initial decades after independence, the relationship between the permanent executive and the political executive were characterized by mutual understanding, respect, and cooperation, without encroaching upon each other's domain. However, in the subsequent decades, the situation has changed. There are instances of the political executive insisting upon the permanent executive to follow its agenda. Respect for an appreciation of upright bureaucrats has declined. There is an increasing tendency among the political executive to get involved in routine administrative matters such as transfers, posting, etc. Under this scenario, there is a definitive trend towards 'politicization of bureaucracy'. The rising materialism and acquisitiveness in social life have also adversely impacted upon the ethical values of both the permanent executive and the political executive. What are the consequences of this 'politicization of bureaucracy'? Discuss.

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T. S. R. Subramanian v. Union of India, 2013

The Supreme Court directed civil services boards and greater stability of tenure to curb arbitrary transfers; implementation has been uneven.

All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968

Require political neutrality and integrity of All India Service officers.

Article 311, Constitution of India

Protects civil servants against dismissal, removal or reduction in rank except by the prescribed process.

Second Administrative Reforms Commission

Recommended ethics in governance, including codes, values training and limits on arbitrary transfer.

Model Code of Conduct

Election-time restraint on using the machinery for party gain; a seasonal reminder of the year-round duty of neutrality.

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