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Case study. In the light of the above case, comment upon the ethical issues that may arise due to the politicization of bureaucracy.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · GS IV · 20 marks · Ethics Case Studies

Case Studies on above issues.

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Article 311, Constitution of India

Protects civil servants against dismissal, removal or reduction in rank except by the prescribed procedure; politicisation often evades its spirit through transfers rather than dismissal.

Second Administrative Reforms Commission

Recommended reforms on ethics, tenure and a clearer professional space for the civil service vis-à-vis political executive.

Hota Committee

A committee on civil service reform that stressed integrity, domain competence and less arbitrary use of postings.

All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968

Require that AIS officers remain politically neutral in service and not use their office for a party.

Whistle Blowers Protection Act, 2014

A statute meant to protect persons who disclose corruption in public bodies; weak implementation is itself an ethical issue in a politicised service.

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