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Q8(a)

The rise of caste politics is to be attributed to both regional aspirations and electoral manifestations. Comment

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · PSIR GS 1 · 20 marks · Federalism

Federalism: Constitutional provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.

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Mandal, 1990

Union implementation of OBC reservation in central services, an electoral and social turning point.

Kothari

The Congress system and later work on caste in Indian politics as an institutionalised cleavage.

BSP

Bahujan Samaj Party as a Dalit-led electoral organisation beyond a single region, still using caste arithmetic.

73rd Amendment

Reserved panchayat seats that made caste and gender electoral at the village scale.

First-past-the-post

Single-member plurality that rewards concentrated social blocs and pre-poll caste-party alliances.

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