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Illustrate with examples the role of pressure groups in the formulation of social policies.

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Mandal and caste associations

Group pressure that reshaped reservation as social policy.

RTI Act, 2005

Campaign pressure, notably MKSS, that turned secrecy into a citizen right.

Narmada

Movement pressure on displacement and dam policy through protest and courts.

Rudolphs

Caste associations as modern pressure groups, not mere relics.

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