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Q2(b)

**Discuss Andre Beteille account of the relationship between caste, class and power as a change from symmetrical to asymmetrical one.**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · Sociology GS 2 · 15 marks · Caste System

Caste System: Perspectives (G.S. Ghurye, M.N. Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille); Features of caste system; Untouchability - forms and perspectives.

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**Sripuram**

Beteille's village study that staged the three-dimensional argument.

**Caste, class, power**

The three axes he insisted on separating analytically.

**Symmetry**

High correlation of the three in a traditional agrarian hierarchy.

**Asymmetry**

Post-reform, post-franchise mismatch among the three.

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