

# CASTE & POLITICS

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## Introduction:-

Social Phenomenon

Hindu State of Mind

Caste is a Social Phenomenon or social organisation which is heavily enseded in our Society. It is a state of mind which is Rigid in Nature and in which a human being is highly conscious of the fact in which caste he/she is born.

Inequality

division

Prejudice & Inferiority

Caste is associated with a common concept called Inequality which is highly disregarding. Caste is Nothing but a System of Gradation, segregation, rigid exclusion, division, a system of graded inequality in highly compartmentalised form. Caste Phenomenon is generally associated with superiority & inferiority.

Linkage between politics & caste

The linkage between Politics and Caste is important and in the process they both interact so closely that they get transformed

## # Role of Caste in Indian Politics —

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if you mention points

Besides voting, Caste is an important factor, influencing the selection of candidates in Elections, appointment of ministers, transfer and Posting of Public officials, etc. The Policy of Reservation has given further impetus to the role of Caste in Politics particularly in the last few years.

The role of Caste in the different aspect of Politics is given Below —

1) Govt.

Caste has influenced the Policy Making of the government; for eg — the Policy of Reservation in favour of certain Castes.



2) The Programmes, policies and declarations of Political Parties are made, keeping in view the caste factor. Even diff. positions within a political party are distributed in terms of caste configuration.

3) Caste plays a very imp. role in Election and Voting. Political Parties select their candidates on the basis of caste composition in the constituency. The voting in elections and mobilisation of Political Support from top to bottom moves on the caste lines.

4) The caste factor also influences the formation of Council of Ministers & making appointments to the various political positions in the Govt.

5) Caste also functions, as a pressure group in Politics. Political bargaining is also done on the caste lines. Caste organisations have emerged to organise Caste Members for collective bargaining with each other.

6) The Administration has not escaped the influence of Caste in India. The Postings, transfer and appointments of public officials are influenced by Caste Consideration.

7) Even the behaviour of public officials in carrying out administrative duties get influenced by Caste Considerations.

The Political leadership in many Political Parties emerges and survives in politics on the basis of Caste.