

Q) "Caste system is very much inherent in India"

- There are many caste pressure groups like the Scheduled Caste Federation, etc. which influence those who are in power by different methods to get their demands met. Caste also plays an important role when candidates are nominated by political parties for a particular constituency.
- Political parties like the DMK, AIADMK and BSP have come up to protect the interests of the backward classes. Even while ministries are formed, different castes are kept in mind.
- The ~~scheduled~~ scheduled castes and tribes are given reservations in educational institutions, legislatures and government jobs. This is to

remove their historically accumulated backwardness. But it has led to strengthening of casteism and caste identity and reservation conflicts.