

8/7/21 TOPIC GENDER RELIGION AND

Q) "Caste system is very much inherent in politics". Justify?

Ans - Caste ~~system~~ system is inherent in India politics because it plays a dominant role in the Indian politics.

ii) There are many caste pressure groups like the Scheduled Caste Federations 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. Voters even though illiterate tend to vote for people belonging to their caste in the hope that they will uphold their caste interests.

iii) Political parties like the DMK, AIADK and ~~BJP~~ BSP have come up to protect the interests of the backward classes. Even while ministries are formed, different castes are kept in mind.

iv) The Scheduled Caste and ~~tribes~~ 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 casteism and caste identity and reservation conflicts.

All this shows that caste is an important aspect of politics.