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- ① It is true that political and social divisions should not be allowed to mix. It leads to negative results. We can see this when caste starts influencing politics.
- Each caste group tries to become bigger by incorporating with it few kinds of neighbouring castes or sub castes which it had excluded earlier. New kind of caste groups like backward and forward emerge. This is not healthy for democracy and can lead to tensions.

conflict and even violence. It diverts attention from other pressing issues like poverty, development and corruption.

(ii) Political parties and candidates in elections make appeals to caste sentiment to minimize support. Some political parties are known to favour some castes and are seen as their representatives. This bad practice gives the impression that elections are about castes and nothing else. This is far from true.