

① Caste system is prominent in India politics because it plays a dominant role in the Indian politics

(2) 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 post or contest in voters even though they tend to vote

- for people belonging to their caste interests.
- (ii) Political parties like DMK, AIADK and BSP have come up to protect the interests of the backward classes. Even caste ministries are formed, different caste are kept in mind.
- (iii) The scheduled caste and tribes are given reservation in educational institutions, legislatures and govt jobs. This is to remove their historically accumulated backwardness. But it has led to hardening of casteism and caste identity and reservation conflicts.

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