

"Caste system is very much inherent in politics." Justice

(i) Selection of candidates in politics: When parties choose candidates in elections, they keep in mind the caste composition of the electorate and nominate candidates from different castes so as to muster necessary support to win elections.

(ii) Political parties and candidates in elections make appeals to create caste sentiment to muster support.

(iii) Caste influences the universal adult franchise:

Universal adult franchise and the principle of one-person one-vote compelled political leaders to gear up to the task of mobilising and securing political support.

(iv) Variation Various caste groups are required to enter into a coalition with other castes and enter into negotiations.

Thus, the focus on the caste in politics can some times give an impression that elections are all about caste and nothing else.