

THE CONCEPT: THE ORIGIN AND EVALUATION OF CASTE-BASED RESERVATION POLICY IN INDIA

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ABSTARCT

Reservation is such a controversial topic on which people will debate every now and then. Especially at the time of election this debate gets heated. Some people believe that relation should be provided after seeing Financial status. Some say reservation should be removed based on cast. Some say that it hasn't changed the status of backward people from 70 years, that means this tool is not useful. People also say that why should we suffer for the mistakes made by our ancestors. Overall, you can see that however gets reservation talk in its favour and dosen't get talks against reservation. let's know the reality of cast based reservation policy & politics done on the cast based reservation name of caste based reservation.

➤ **Caste Based Discrimination:**

The topic of cast based reservation would remain incomplete if we do not mention. cast based discrimination. Is untouchability practised today . It may sound weird & shocking. Butyes it is practised today. Here's May of 2021. In the district of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh, this ratio is more than 50%. If you do not believe the data, you can hear it straight from the people. A ground report made by "QUINT" after the Hathras incident to find out how much of untouchability is practiced there. You can find it on You tube. In 2016, SART (social Attitude Research India conducted a phone survey in Delhi, Mumbai, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh to ask how many of them saw discrimination take play in their homes. 39% of the Non-Dalit Hindu women admitted that someone in their household practiced untouchability. 21%% of the non-Dalit Hindu women admitted that they themself practiced untouchability. 60%. Nondualists in Rajasthan believe that inter caste marriages should be abolished so the argument of those who support caste-based reservation is that caste based discrimination exist even today. And so, caste-based reservation should continue those against it argue that seats should be

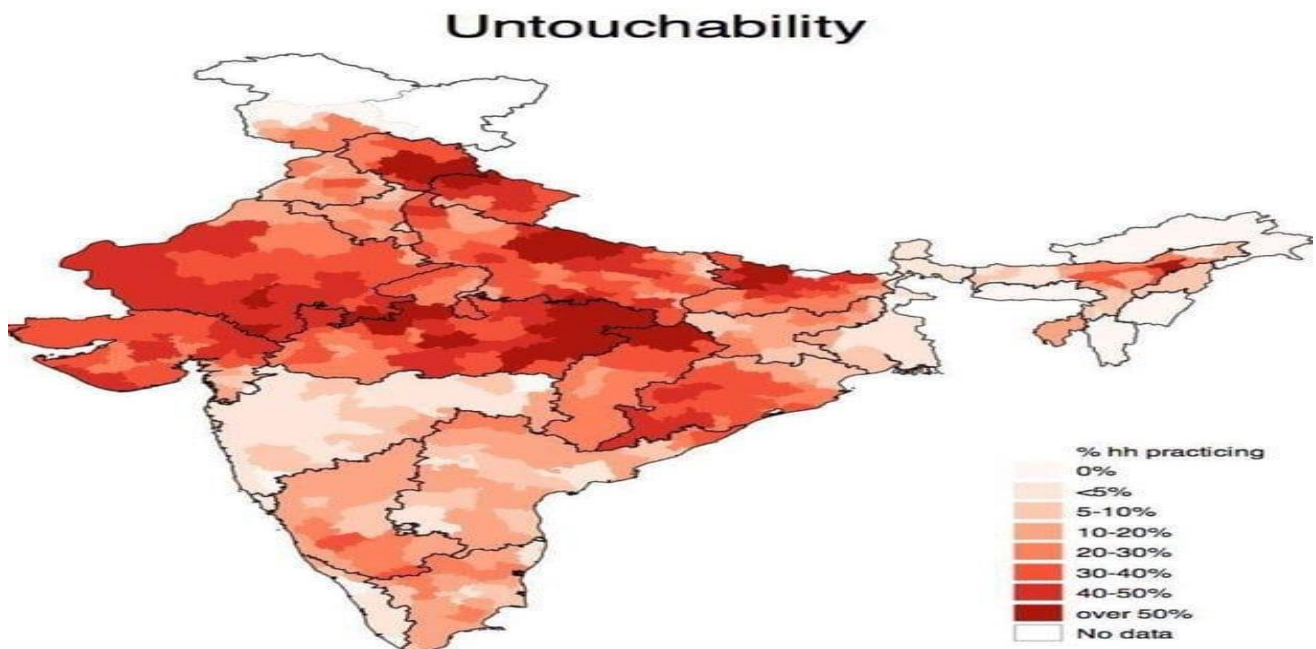
allotted on the basis of merit and the caste-based reservation undoes the equality in society.

THIS MAP BESIDE SHOWS THE UNTOUCHABILITY RATE IN INDIA.

➤ **Post independence history of caste-based reservation.**

After independence, the depressed classes were given reservation in both

Map 1: District-wise Map of the Share of Households Practicing Untouchability



Source: Map generated by Prof. Reeve Vanneman, IHDS, UMD.

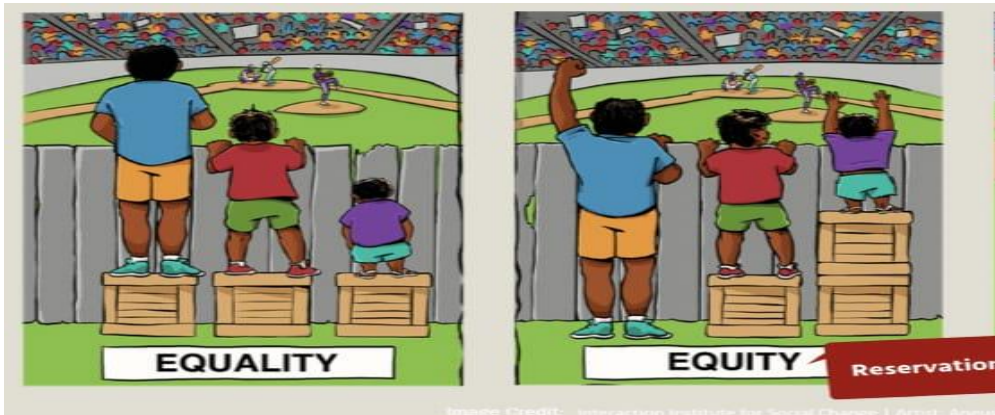
education as well as public employment for political representation the system of joint electorates continued this is why out of the 543 Lok Sabha seats 84 seats have been reserved for the schedule caste and 47 for Scheduled tribes. Apart from this, when the constitution was being drafted in 1950, Articles 15 and 16 were added in it which allow provisions being granted to uplift the socially and educationally backward classes. In proportion to population, 15% of the seats are reserved for

scheduled cast and 7.5 % of seats are reserved for scheduled tribe today, before 1993, reservation only existed for S.C and St but post 1993. OBC as well after the Mandal Commission Report. As per these reports 27% reservation was given to OBC's in government sectors & Education sector. due to which 49.5% came under reserved. seats under central government. But we talk about state government, they were given power to extend reservation accordingly for rest of the community. This is why you can see in 2019 this reservation went" one step ahead and granted a 10% reservation to economically weaker sections. Due to which the total share of reservation went till 60%.

➤ **Why is Reservation Important?**

On one side there's a kid who's parents are educated. They have admitted their child in a good school, and he has 2-3 tuition. On other hand, there's a child whose parents are not educated. He was admitted to a government school. He has to go to work, so out of these 2 which one will get the job of course The first one will get the job, he will be successful and grow. And then this becomes a cycle. Who becomes successful their generation and generation will be successful and who are unsuccessful their next generation have to struggle & struggle for success these becomes cycle their will a be one exception & this exception in million and everybody will start giving his example. It's today's trend if a kid is introduced to reservation category. People say "See he got selected even when his marks. But this is a very wrong way to introduce somebody. We have to explain them everything about reservation otherwise they will hate society for this policy. You can imagine how much SC/ST are backward even though they have reservation in education, they have reservation in jobs but then also they don't have the minimum things to get the reserved seats. For backward classes getting out of the village and taking back seat is a task. You may have seen many SC/ST seats are vacant. "According to 2020 data" 81 seats are vacant in PHD Courses, 16 in IIT's. 42000

seats were vacant of SC/ST/OTHER BACKWARD CLASS {OBC}. The situation is bad that they don't have the basic resources required for taking that seat. That's why reservation is very important in INDIA for SC/ST/OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES {OBC}.



➤ **Politics behind cast reservation :**

On the flip side, this social remedy has played quite infamous role in the complex Indian politics. At present, questions are being raised about the efficacy of reservations. The need for affirmative action is acknowledged. However, the manner in which the tool of reservation is being utilized by the political class is under severe Scrutiny. Caste-based reservation is accused of strengthening caste-based politics in India. Caste-based politics is not new to India. It has been present since ancient times. During the Colonial era, the British promoted caste politics under the “Divide and Rule Policy.” Political parties during the national movement were also dominated by different Castes. Kanchan Chandra says that we cannot think of caste-free politics until patronage is based on caste. Andre Beteille put a question mark on Nehru’s wisdom. According to him, Nehru was thinking of achieving a caste-free India when the Constitution itself mentioned caste. Thus, we see even stronger communities demanding reservations. The demand for Jatt reservation or Maratha reservation are a few examples. M.N. Srinivas has given the concept of ‘dominant caste’. These are not the conventional “upper castes.” Rather, these castes hold social, economic, and political power. For example, Yadav’s in

UP and Bihar, Jat's in Haryana, Marathas in Maharashtra, Reddy's in Andhra Pradesh, and Lingayat's in Karnataka are dominant castes. Both the Jat and Maratha reservations have been struck down by the courts. Caste-based reservations strengthen identity politics, which can be detrimental to the Unity of the Nation. It also promotes religion-based politics. For example, when V. P. Singh introduced OBC reservations, the BJP had no other option but to start Rath Yatra to consolidate Hindus. The very fact that governments hesitate to introduce the concept of 'Creamy Layer' in SC reservations highlights that reservations are more of a political tool than a policy tool.

The political importance of reservation can be gauged by the fact that the BJP performed poorly in the Bihar assembly elections in 2015 because the RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat mentioned reviewing reservations prior to elections. Thus, no party is in a position to make the necessary changes due to the fear of losing political leverage.



Conclusion:

The ole article was about the caste-based reservation policy in INDIA. The reservation is undertaken to address the historic oppression, inequality and discrimination faced by those communities and to give these communities a place. It is intended to realize the promise of equality enshrined in the Constitution. This

is a never-ending debate. If a society is backward since 1000's of years it needs little time to get its actual status in society. It's a very slow process. Everybody know it will not become in one. But one day it will happen. So, we should encourage them. Just don't try to dominate them. They are also humans, and they are needed to be treated as humans.

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