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SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE MARGINALISED

NOTES:

- The government considered to formulate policies to promote the access of the marginalised groups to development.
- The struggle of the marginalised have influenced the government to frame new laws in the spirits of the Fundamental Rights.
- **Article 17 of the Constitution** states that untouchability has been abolished.
- **Article 15 of the Constitution** states that no citizen of India shall be discriminated against on the basis of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth.
- By granting different forms of **Cultural Rights**, the Constitution tries to ensure that culture of the minority groups is not dominated or wiped out by the culture of the majority community.
- There are **special laws** and **policies** or **schemes** for the marginalised in our country.
 1. The Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.
 2. O.B.C Reservation Policy.
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- **O.B.C (Other Backward Classes)** reservation policy was approved by the Parliament in 1993.
- The reservation policy of the government covers nearly 50% of seats altogether.