

CLASS:--12TH,
POLITICAL SCIENCE
QUESTIONS, &ANSWERS
CHAPTER:--18

Short Answer Type Questions [2 Marks]

- 1. Who was the chairperson of Mandal Commission? State any one recommendation made by him/her.**

Answer: Bindeshwari Prasad Mandal was the chairperson of Mandal Commission set up in 1978 to investigate the extent of educational and social backwardness among various sections of society and recommend ways to identify these classes.

The Mandal Commission gave its recommendations in 1980:

1. The commission advised that backward classes should be understood to mean backward castes since many castes other than the SCs were also treated as low in caste hierarchy
2. Reservation 27% seats in educational institutions and government jobs for these groups.
3. It recommended land reforms to improve the condition of OBCs.
4. Hence, Mandal commission made recommendations in economic and occupational structures.

- 2. State any two major political happenings of 1984 in India.**

- **Answer:** 1.Assassination of Indra Gandhi
- Lok sabha election were held.

- 3. What was change in electoral performance of Congress party and BJP from 1984-2004?**

Answer:

1. In the elections of 1989, Congress secured 197 seats but did not get majority. Therefore, it decided to sit in opposition.
2. The National Front under V.P. Singh came to power supported by left front and BJP from outside.
3. The assassination of Rajiv Gandhi in May 1991 led to emergence of Congress as the single largest party and formed the government supported by AIADMK.
4. In 1996, BJP minority government was formed for short period. Later in June 1996 United Front with the support of Congress formed the Government and H.D. Deve Gowda became Prime Minister and after 11 months I.K. Gujral came to power to rule till March 1998.

5. From March 1998 to October 1999, BJP and other parties formed alliances NDA (National Democratic Alliance) under the leadership of Atal Behari Vajpayee and regional parties demanded more share in government to extend its support.
6. In the elections of May 2004, Congress and its allies formed UPA (United Progressive Alliance) and came to power and Manmohan Singh became Prime Minister.

4. When was India's New Economic Policy launched? Who was its chief architect?

Answer:

It was launched in 1991 as the structure adjustment programme and it was started by the then Prime Minister Narasimha Rao:

1. India's New Economic Policy was launched by the then Finance Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh.
2. The economic changes first became visible in 1991 and radically changed the direction that Indian Economy had pursued since independence towards liberalised and open economy.

5. What happened to the state government after demolition of Babri Masjid?

Answer: 1. The BJP state government was dismissed.

2. Alongwith that, other states where the BJP was in power, were also put under President's rule.
3. A case against Chief Minister of U.P. was registered in Supreme Court.

6. What led to the serious debate over secularism?

Answer:

The demolition of disputed mosque at Ayodhya on December 6,1992, by Karseva, led to a serious debate over secularism:

1. Most political parties condemned the demolition and declared it to be against secularism.
2. A debate took place about using religious sentiments for electoral purposes.

7. List the four groups to be emerged in 1990s.

Answer:

1. Parties in coalition with Congress— UPA (United Progressive Alliance).
2. Parties in alliance with BJP—NDA (National Democratic Alliance).
3. Left front parties (Left Parties).
4. Other parties not to be part of the rest (Others .