

ECONOMICS (CLASS—12)

INDIAN ECONOMY

1950–1990

Topic----- THE GOALS OF FIVE YEAR PLANS

Self Reliance

A new economy like India's post-independence can become too reliant on imports. So for seven editions (Base on the objective of growth with social justice 1985 - 1990) the government promoted self-reliance. This policy was considered a necessity in order to reduce our dependence on foreign countries, especially for food. It is understandable that people who were recently freed from foreign domination should give importance to self-reliance. Further, it was feared that dependence on imported food supplies, foreign technology and foreign capital may make India's sovereignty vulnerable to foreign interference in our policies. This basically meant that anything we were capable of producing domestically we did not

import. Especially food and agriculture products were never imported as long as possible. This was to ensure we not only became self-reliant but also to protect our sovereignty. Because importing basic essentials from other nations would make us dependent on them. Then after 1991, the government finally opened up our economy to the global markets once we had already established a domestic base.

Equity

Now the previous three goals mainly relate to the economy. But the development of the economy only is not sufficient. The five year plans must also focus on the development of our society. It is essential to ensure that these benefits from the economy are enjoyed by all members of the society. This is where equity comes in. Equity focuses on ensuring that all citizens of our country have their basic needs for food, housing, clothing etc. fulfilled. It also looks to reduce the wealth gap and the inequality in our society. It is important to ensure that the benefits of economic prosperity reach the poor sections as well instead

of being enjoyed only by the rich. Beside self-reliance, growth, modernisation and self-reliance, equity is also important. Every Indian should be able to meet his or her basic needs such as food, a decent house, education and health care and inequality in the distribution of wealth should be reduced.

Assignment

- (1) Write the objective of 7th five years plan.**
- (2) What do you mean by self-reliance?**
- (3) Write the objective self-reliance.**
- (4) What do you mean by the term human basic needs?**

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