

Q. "The local self govt. system in India has not proved to be effective instrument of governance." Critically examine the statement & give your views to improve the situation (150 words).

Ans. Local self govt. has a reference from the decentralisation. It is mentioned in Art-40, & now Art-243 by 73rd & 74th constitutional Amendment.

The local self govt. system was a major step to enhance the lower level development, but was not so effective with the expectations.

- 1) Local Intelligence - LSG has its roots on the local intelligence, but illiteracy has been an obstacle to full utilisation.
- 2) Political Hierarchy - The lowest level political authority was meant to enhance & to reach to last mile people directly. However, political clashes has been an obstacle.
- 3) Social - LSG system uses different social thoughts & culture but social hierarchy in society which has strong bases in rural areas hindered this.
- 4) Corruption - The money to be spent on development get lost in authorities pockets.

Suggestions

Given points can be considered to improve the situation.

- ① E-Governance - It can be used for transparency
- ② Awareness - Aware the locals to utilise the govt. programmes.
- ③ Limit the political interference & clashes to enhance governance.
- ④ Education - It can be used a tool to enhance local intelligence.

LSG system is a remarkable step in implementing the govt. schemes like mid-day meal, RTE, etc. but has lot more to go. for the maximum utilization.