

Question No.

Q. 07 Write a note on Co-operative  
Federalism: Problems & Possibilities.  
(300 words).

Ans. 07

**COOPERATIVE FEDERALISM** :-

It is a federal character of a nation in such a way that the ~~processes of~~ Centre & states cooperate with each other to solve common disputes.

India is a ~~quasi-federal~~ quasi-federal nation & cooperative federalism is the soul of the nation.

The Central & state govts work in a horizontal direction where they collectively resolve disputes or take actions in developmental works.

**PROBLEMS** :-

Although it seems a best way to bring both Central & state govts. at one platform to take actions but sometimes it faces a no. of problems like -

① Distribution of Revenue :-

Although the distribution of revenue by Central govt. in various states is mentioned & Finance Commission

is also tasked with this matter. But Centre mostly distribute the proceeds as per their convenience.

② Absence of Dispute solving Mechanism -

The matter of disputes between Centre & states & between the states are not solved speedily which results in delay of execution of certain policies & schemes.

③ Regional Disparity -

India has vast geographical area having ample amt. of resources in different parts. In spite of this, the industrialization & other developmental works are focused in western & southern areas which creates a feeling of alienation among residents of other states.

④ Executive Overreach by Centre -

Sometimes, Centre tries to interfere in those matters where solely state govt. are entrusted to take actions. It creates situations of conflict.

**POSSIBILITIES** :-

- ① Cooperative Federalism should be acculturated more towards Competitive Federalism where states will have to compete among themselves along with Centre for benefits.
- ② An institution for dispute resolution should be set up under Parliament's mandate so as to speedily solve disputes.
- ③ International treaties should be negotiated with greater involvement of states if implementation of these treaties impacts the states.

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We should not forget that strong states make the strong nation. True cooperative federalism would be when Centre tries to understand states in greater depth & involves inclusion.