

Q "India is a federation with Unitary bias".
Elaborate -

ans :- Article 1 of the constitution of the India says that "India, that is Bharat, shall be union of states."

Word "Union" has been chosen in place of federation to indicate that Indian Union is not the result of an agreement between states i.e. it cannot be broken at sudden impulsive decisions.

⇒ Features of federal government in Indian Constitution

1. Written Constitution
2. Bicameral legislature
3. Supremacy of constitution
4. Dual government
5. division of powers between Centre & state government.
6. Independent judiciary

⇒ Features of Unitary

1. Single citizenship
2. Strong centre

3. Single constitution for union & states
4. Single unified judiciary
5. Centre can change name & boundaries of states - (Article 3) & (Article 4).

6. Unitary in emergencies -

Indian constitution works as federal government in normal times but during emergencies. Unitary nature is seen as centre has all the power over state list also.

- Indian states do not enjoy full sovereignty just like USA states.
- India follows concept of "indestructible state" which is a UNITARY FEATURE
- ~~the division of power is in favour of~~
Centre

Hence it can be said that Indian constitution first of all is either unitary or federal. But has federation with unitary feature

Excellent!