

CHAPTER - XVIII

SECULARISM

- India is a secular state.
- Give equal importance for all religion and there is no discrimination. It is called secularism.
- 42nd amendment included secularism, socialism.
- ‘Secularism’ the term was first used by George Holyoake.
- For protecting the individual rights the state and religion withdraw from mutual involvement. This condition is called secularism.
- State has no official religion

INTER RELIGIOUS DOMINATION

One religion try to keep domination and surrendered over another religion is called inter religion domination.

INTRA RELIGIOUS DOMINATION

One religious group try to keep domination over other groups within the religion. It is called intra religious domination.

MODELS OF SECULARISM

Western Model	Indian Model
▪ State and Religion withdraw from interference (Keep Distance)	▪ State Interference on religion based on some principle
▪ Give importance to individual and individual right	▪ Protect the individual and the religion communities
▪ Give important for the equality with the religious group	▪ Importance of equality between the religions
▪ No more important to community based right	▪ More important for community based rights
▪ State not support for religious reformation	▪ State support for the religious reformation
▪ State never provide financial assistance to the religious institution	▪ State provide financial assistance for religious institution

CRITICISM FOR INDIAN SECULARISM

1. Anti Religious
2. Western Import
3. Minorities
4. Interventionist
5. Vote Bank Policies
6. Impossible Project

1. Anti Religious

Work against bad activity within the religion. Indian secularism against the institutional religious domination.

2. Western Impact

- Copy of western model
- Not suitable for Indian situation

3. Minorities

- Give important for minorities
- Special right for minority through provide utilizing other right.

4. Interventionist

- Intervention of Government
- For eradication of superstitions and reform the religion

5. Vote Bank Policies

Party used religion as weapons for getting more vote.

6. Impossible Project

In India, there are different religion. So there is no possible for secularism.