Protective Discrimination

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Protective Discrimination:

Constitutional safeguard:

Educational & Cultural Safeguards

Art. 15(4) - Special provisions for advancement of other backward classes (which includes STs);

Art. 29 - Protection of Interests of Minorities (which includes STs);

Art. 46 - The State shall promote, with special care, the educational and economic interests of the weaker sections of the people, and in particular, of the Scheduled Castes, and the Scheduled Tribes, and shall protect them from social injustice and all forms of exploitation,

Art. 350 - Right to conserve distinct Language, Script or Culture;

Art. 350 - Instruction in Mother Tongue.

Social Safeguard

Art. 23 - Prohibition of traffic in human beings and beggar and other similar form of forced labour

Art. 24 - Forbidding Child Labour.

Economic Safeguards

Art.244 - Clause(1) Provisions of Fifth Schedule shall apply to the administration & control of the Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes in any State other than the states of Assam,

Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura which are covered under Sixth Schedule, under Clause (2) of this Article.

Art. 275 - Grants in-Aid to specified States (STs &SAs) covered under Fifth and Sixth Schedules of the Constitution.

Political Safeguards

- Art.164 (1) Provides for Tribal Affairs Ministers in Bihar, MP and Orissa
- Art. 330 Reservation of seats for STs in Lok Sabha
- **Art. 337** Reservation of seats for STs in State Legislatures
- Art. 334 10 years period for reservation (Amended several times to extend the period
- Art. 243 Reservation of seats in Panchayats
- Art. 371 Special provisions in respect of NE States and Sikkim

Safeguards under Various laws

The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act,1989 and the Rules 1995 framed there under.

Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act 1976 (in respect of Scheduled Tribes);

The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act1986;

States Acts & Regulations concerning alienation & restoration of land belonging to STs;

Forest Conservation Act 1980;

Panchayatiraj (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act 1996;

Minimum Wages Act 1948.