ROLE OF PRESSURE GROUP
Pressure groups are those informal organisations that come into existence for the protection of special interests and influence the activities of the government by different methods.
According to H. Z. Zeigler, “A pressure Group has been defined as an organised aggregate which seeks to influence the context of the government decisions attempting to place its members in formal governmental capacities.”
NATURE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF PRESSURE GROUP

- Formal organisations
- Universalities
- Protection of special interests
- Voluntary membership
- To influence the Public Policies
- Non-Political character
- Not to acquire Political Power
- Lack of responsibility
CHARACTERISTICS OF PRESSURE GROUP IN INDIA

- Patronisation of Political Parties
- Pressure Groups organised on the basis of Caste and religion etc
- Pressure Groups make use of Political Parties as Means
- Use of violence
- So many Anomic Pressure Groups
- Communal character of Pressure Group
Methods Adopted BY Pressure Groups in India

- Petition
- Propoganda
- To win public opinion on their side
- Strikes, Bandhs, Dharnas, Rallies and Demonstrations
- Hunger strikes
- Use of Violence
- Lobbying
To help Political Parties in Elections
To influence Bureaucracy
To get judicial Help
By offering Posts
CLASSIFICATION OF PRESSURE GROUPS IN INDIA

- Business Groups
- Pressure Group of Non-Resident Indians
- Trade Unions
- The Peasants Pressure Groups
- Students Pressure Groups
- Professional Pressure Groups
- Caste, Community and Religious Pressure Groups
- Pressure Groups based on Gandhian Philosophy
- Miscellaneous Pressure Groups
ROLE OF PRESSURE GROUP

- To mobilise public opinion in their favour
- To put pressure on legislature
- To influence ministers
- To establish contact with bureaucracy
- To establish relation with political parties
- To get help of court
- To launch movement
- To provide necessary information to government
- To organise seminars
- Social economic and political reforms
CRITICAL EVALUATION AND WEAKNESS OF PRESSURE GROUPS

- Narrow base of pressure groups
- Encourage corruption
- Do not bother about the interest of consumers
- Work under the patronage of political parties
- Spread violence
- Spread of communalism
- Some pressure groups dominate the others
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