



READING MATERIAL

SUBJECT : CIVICS

CLASS :8

BOOK : SOCIAL AND POLITICAL LIFE -III

CHAPTER: 2: UNDERSTANDING SECULARISM

SECULARISM :

Secularism refers to the separation of religion from state. The Indian Constitution allows individuals the freedom to live by their religious beliefs and practice it. A country which doesn't officially promote any religion as it's countries religion is a secular country. India is one of them.

COERCION :

Coercion is the practice of forcing another party to act in an involuntary manner by use of threats or force. The term refers to the force used by a legal authority such as the state.

FREEDOM TO INTERPRET :

Freedom to interpret means having Independence to understand things in our own way. It refers to people's liberty to develop their own understanding and meaning of the religion they practice.

INTERVENE :

Regularly action taken by government in order to affect with decision made by individual , groups or organization regarding social and economic matters. In the chapter , 'intervene' refers to the state's efforts to influences a particular matter in accordance with the principles of the Constitution.

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