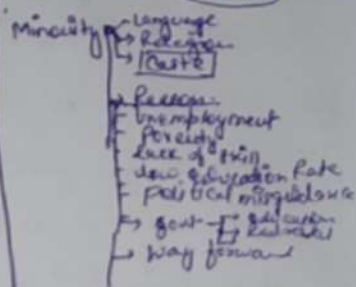


Q. Enact Over Representation of Minorities in prison continue to be a cause of concern for the country. Substantiate (200 words).

Ans. According to NCRB Report, over 55% of undertrials are Muslims, Dalits and Tribals, one in every three under-trial prisoners in India is either SC or ST.

• Muslims, Dalits and Tribals make up 53% of all prisoners in India.



In India, minorities are not defined in constitution, though we take language, religion as the base for categorising minorities. Even after 15 years of independence & constitutional protection the state of minorities have not changed a bit.

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Steps by GOI

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- ③ Naya Shiksha - Free Coaching & Allied Scheme.
- ④ Seekho Aur Kamao - Learn & Earn.
- ⑤ Creation of NALSA

way forward

- GOI should implement recommendation of All India Committee of Jail Reform.
- NALSA - should be made available early to Minorities.
- Multi-focus availability development is needed.