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कृपया इस स्थान में प्रश्न संख्या के अनिश्चित कुछ न लिखें।

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Q. Do you believe that the policies have made the India Federation coercive rather than Cooperative Federalism in the country?
Examine.

↳ One of the main mandates of NITI Aayog is to foster cooperative Federalism, unfortunately that NITI Aayog has not taken any major steps to Promote cooperative Federalism.

↳ Issues

1) Transfer of Funds on the recommendation of Finance Commission (FC)

↳ All the recommendation of FC relating to transfer of states treated as an award and package

In 15th FC, request a special grant to some states to ensure tax devolution in 2020-21 should not be less than by these states in 2019-20 was not accepted by union Government

↳ Recommendation grant for Nutrition, the sector specific grants and state specific grants have not been accepted.

② Off Budget Borrowings

↳ off Budget Borrowing from 2021-22 treated as states borrowings treated as the part of Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM)

↳ For the 1st time ^{GOI} off budget borrowing as Government borrowing (2021-22) as indicated decision with the recommendation of 15th FC. But there is no such recommendations.

↳ The centre also raising off-Budget borrowing mainly for Meeting Revenue Expenditure. Such borrowings not reflected in Budget of Central Government.

↳ ② The use of cesses and surcharges

↳ The share of cesses and surcharges in gross tax revenue of the centre increased to 20% in the Budget estimates 2022-23.

↳ States' share in central taxes is 41% as recommended by 15th FC, they only get a 29.6% share because of higher cesses and surcharges.

↳ ④ Central Sector Scheme (CSS)

↳ Most of the CSS are operated in the subjects included in the state list. Thus states have lost their Autonomy.

↳ ⑤ Farm laws → Centre enacted farm laws though agriculture is substate subject; through Entry 33 of the Concurrent list.

All these instances indicate the centre has not walked the talk on Cooperative Federalism, instead policies made Indian Federation Coercive.