

Q: Do you think that the Indian federalism needs institutional amendment in order to become democratically federal?

Indian federalism is one of the most diverse Federal structure in the world, the demands based on each states varies with respect to the culture, ethnicity etc.

In older decades single party dominance both in centre and states leads to harmony & co-operations in the federal structure; later evolution of various parties increased demand of autonomus & leads to disruption.

Despite being a big federal structure most of the demands are unresolved by the centre such as Cauvery river water dispute between Karnataka & Tamilnad still undermines the centre act for not effectively intervened in cases.

Since most of the powers vested in the Centre It has unable make a clear decision in drawing boundaries between states also no effective system in preventing the conflicts even after 75 years of independence
ex: Assam-Mizoram border dispute

The appointment of central agents such as All India Service cadres & Governors are not acting with the situation of states. The bills passed in the state legislatures are withheld by the Governor (or) sending for the absent recommendation to president leads to delay in effective management of state administration.

To overcome all these issues Indian federalism needs institutional amendments to become democratically federal the provisions should be made in such a way to satisfy & promote equity in demands. Constitution has rights for citizens & fundamental rights. Hence why not states rights.