

Ques) The dynamics present in the National security of the country forms an integral part of the cooperative federalism. Do you agree with this view? Examine (200 words)

Ans) The spirit of cooperative federalism of India's political structure is itself reflected in Article 1 of the constitution stating "India that is Bharat will be a union of states". — a union indestructible union of destructible states.

The national security dynamics and the way they are handled by the administration and government forms an integral part of the cooperative federalism.

Certain areas can be seen where union supersedes such as—

- 1) The presence of Central Armed Police Force which are assigned specific duties to cater the needs of state's internal security e.g. Assam Rifles, BSF, ITBP, etc.
- 2) The induction of CBI as the central and primary investigation agency assigned

with special cases or inter state cases that needs parallel to state police.

- 3) The proclamation of National Emergency (Article 352) on the grounds of threats to National security (armed rebellion or external aggression) by the president.
- 4) the recruitment of higher rank of administrative officers (IPS officers) by the centre. (MHA)
- 5) The procurement and manufacturing/development of defence equipments by central authorities only.

The upper hand of centre in these spheres does not affect the spirit of federalism as the responsibilities such as -

- local policing
- complaint addressal
- prison management
- local law and order management

still remains with the state police services.

Both centre and state have enough room for cooperation and coordination to maintain the overall National security aiding to cooperative federalism.