

GS-II- Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity.

1. A mere increase in the strength of the courts may not suffice to solve the rocketing issue of pendency of cases. Critically analyse.

Why this question:

- ✚ Union Cabinet has recently approved a proposal to increase the strength of judges in Supreme Court from the present 31 to 34 (i.e. by 10%), including Chief Justice of India (CJI).

Demand of the question:

- ✚ The question demands how the reform of just increasing the strength of courts will not bring in complete success of attaining the objective, without addressing the existing technical and structural lacunaes.

Directive word:

Critically Analyse:

- ✚ When it comes to analyse, it is same as evaluation, assessment or examination plus your opinion is also needed here. So, once you give your opinion it means you are interpreting the event according to your knowledge apart from detailed explanations.
- ✚ When 'critically' is suffixed or prefixed to a directive, one needs to look at the good and bad of the topic and give a fair judgement.

Structure of the answer:

Introduction:

- ✚ Write about the recent approval of the cabinet to increase the strength of supreme court judges by amending the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956.

Body:

- ✚ Write about the current strength of the supreme court and the existing pendency level correspondingly.
- ✚ Write how the increase in strength would be beneficial in liquidating the pendency.
- ✚ Write about the structural and other issues existing in the current system.

- ✚ Write how the recent reform will not triumph without addressing the existing issue.
- ✚ Write few suggestions to overcome the lacunae and recommendations of few reports.

Conclusion:

- ✚ Conclude that the basic right of people to ensured justice will fail without addressing the above issue. Quote justice delayed is justice denied.

