

**WELFARE OF THE WEAKERS SECTIONS**

**Unit I**

Weaker sections of the population : Women, children physically & mentally handicapped, Backward classes, Scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, denotified communities, Criteria for backwardness.

**Unit II**

Constitutional provisions related to welfare of weaker sections in India. Specific provisions in fundamental rights & directive principles of State policy.

**Unit III**

Reservation policy for weaker sections: state & central Government policies reservations in Education, Employment, scholarships and other services.

**Unit IV**

Status of scheduled caste, Schedule tribes, Denotified communities, women and children in India : Health, Nutritional, Employment and economic status, demographic aspects and problems related to SC/ ST/BC / Women children.

**Unit V**

Review of existing welfare service programmes - Five Year Plans - Implementation by central, State & Voluntary agencies.

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