Religious or social practices of the Nagas, unless they apply to the Nagaland, shall apply to the Nagaland unless it's Legislative Assembly decides by a resolution. Naga customary law and procedure, ownership and transfer of land and its resources, NO ACT OF PARLIAMENT IN RESPECT OF

Administration of civil and criminal justice involving decisions according to Naga customary law. Nagaland adopted the 74th constitutional amendment provision for 33% women reservation in the Nagaland Municipal (first Amendment) Act Of 2006. Nagaland has not witnessed any ULB election since 2011 due to the conflict between 74 CA and Article 371A principles.

In April 2016, the Supreme Court (SC) ordered the state government to hold municipal elections.

ISSUES INVOLVED

Conflict between Article 243T and Article 371A of the Constitution.

Lack of governance in provision of basic services in urban areas.

Conflict between women demanding political representation and the customary law which allows only the men to run the institutions of governance.

STEPS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT

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Political parties or various local councils should set 'voluntary quotas' for fielding women candidates in elections.

WHY IN NEWS?

Nagaland women are demanding 33% constitutional reservation in URBAN LOCAL BODIES (ULBs).

ULB RESERVATION

WOMEN DEMAND

WAY FORWARD

WHAT IS ARTICLE 371A (1)?

Nagaland government has agreed to hold ULB elections with 33% reservation for women.

Centre is working to mandate 50% reservation for women in all the ULBs to promote development of 'engendered cities'.

ARGUMENTS GIVEN AGAINST WOMEN RESERVATION

Naga Hoho, a body of 16 tribal groups, holds women representation in ULBs is against their customary law. They are against women contesting elections and prefer to nominate them rather than have them fight for elections.

Joint Action Committee on Women reservation contends that denying reservation to women in ULBs is a Constitutional violation.

As per Nagaland Village and Area Council Act, 1978 Tribals have no objection to 25% women reservation in village development boards.

High female literacy rate of 76.11%.

Facilitate women's socio-economic empowerment though political representation.

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