Chapter 2 Understanding Secularism

Question /Answer (continue...)

## Q 8. Explain how is Indian secularism different from that of other countries?

Answer:

Indian Secularism	Secularism in USA and other countries of the world
<ul> <li>The state is not strictly separated from religion.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>There is strict separation between the religion and the state.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The government has banned some ancient religious traditions like the Sati System ,untouchability and even triple talaq to achieve Equality.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The USA constitution prohibits its legislature for making laws, respecting and establishing any religion.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The interference is always based on ideal grounds.</li> </ul>	• Neither the state nor the religion can interfere in the affairs of one another .
<ul> <li>At the same time strategy of non- interference is also followed.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In February 2004, the French government passed a law banning students from wearing any religious signs or symbols.</li> </ul>

## Q9. Explain the ways in detail which are followed by the Indian government to prevent the domination of one group over the other?

## Answer:

The strategies followed by the Indian government to prevent the domination of one group over the other are...

(i)**Separation of the state from religion:-** The state separates itself from all religions so that, it is not ruled by a particular religion. Moreover, it also takes care that the majority religious groups don't dominates minority religious groups.

(ii)Non-interference with religious practices:- In order to respect the sentiments of the religions, the state must make certain exceptions for a particular religious community, for example: the Sikhs are not forced to wear helmets while driving a two wheeler.

(iii)Strategy of intervention:- The state can intervene in the religious matters in order to end the social practices, that may violate the fundamental rights of other citizens. for example: killing of human beings on the name of religion is against the law.