

Q. Explain the role of Communist Party in the political system of China.

Ans. According to Communist ideology, the whole of the state power is the monopoly of the Communist Party. Various aspects of the role of the Communist Party are discussed below.

1. To create and develop revolutionary spirit in the people:- The Communist Party was organised in China to execute the aims of Marxism there. That is why, the main aim of it is to create revolutionary spirit in the people and to constantly increase it. As a result of this very efforts of the party, revolution was brought successfully in 1949. Consequently, it took power in its own hands as the vanguard of the labourers and peasants. By creating and increasing the revolutionary spirit, the party not only finished its enemies but also established its control on the society. After the struggle, the opponents of the new system were finished, and the tradition of revolution was maintained. Even today the Party is busy in this very work.

2. Guiding the Masses:- According to communist ideology, the party wants to finish the old system and wants to create a new socialist system. It made the revolution successful with the help of the people and established new social setup. The Communist Party is the vanguard of the labourers in which the efficient intellectual leadership clears the way for the protection of their interests. The Communist Party understands the interests of the people very well because of the knowledge of Marxism and their organization efficiency. That is why, it is said that the interests of the party are the interests of the people and the party has the capacity to guide the people in regard to their interests.

3. Controlling the Mass Organisations:- The Communist Party is the only Party in China. What to talk of the organization of any other Party, even the difference of opinion in the Party is not tolerated? Whichever class dominates the Party, the ideas and programmes of that very class become the authentic ideas and programmes of the Party. The party inspires every class to organize itself so that the Party may dominate the whole society. It maintains its domination over them by giving offices to Party members. There are many organizations of the youth, women, labourers, peasants etc. in China which are indirectly dominated by the Party.

4. Controlling the Government:- In China, there is Dictatorship of the Proletariat which is called People's Democratic Dictatorship. Thus, in China, the Communist Party has established its rule as the vanguard of the proletariat classes. There, the office bearers of the Party hold important offices in the government, army, judiciary etc. Not only at the centre but, every level, party workers hold offices. In spite of all, the party is not as an administrative institution. The domination of the Party over the govt. is also clear from the fact that the leaders of the Party decide about the policies in the Party and implement the same in the govt.

5. Party is the real Dictator:- In China, the Party dominates every aspect of the society, the Dictatorship of the Proletariat, is the Dictatorship of the Communist Party. It has an effective control over all the aspects of economic, social and cultural life of the people. The family system is so organised that the individual is dominated by the Party.

One important aspect of the Party Dictatorship is that the individual can do nothing of his own accord, if his efforts are not in accordance with the socialistic system. Every aspects of the society works within the socialist set-up. Thus whatever class dominates the Party, it also dominates the country.