



# Indian Economy 1950-1990

A 1-page guide for parents · 90-second read.

EXPECTED MARKS

**6 marks**

TIME TO MASTER

**8-10 hrs**

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**70330 05444****WHAT THIS CHAPTER IS, IN PLAIN ENGLISH**

Your child is studying the FIRST FORTY YEARS of independent India's economic policy – the era of 'planned development'. Three big themes: (1) Five-Year Plans (started 1951) and the four goals of planning (Growth, Modernisation, Self-reliance, Equity); (2) Agricultural strategy – Land Reforms (abolishing Zamindari, tenancy reforms, land ceilings) and the Green Revolution (HYV seeds + irrigation + fertilisers + MSP); (3) Industrial strategy – public sector dominance, IDR Act 1951 licensing, Industrial Policy Resolutions 1948 + 1956, and import substitution. The chapter ends with a critical evaluation that sets up the case for the 1991 economic reforms (covered in Ch 3 next).

**5 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD**

- Name the FOUR goals of planning. Test by reciting in 30 seconds.
- What were the THREE components of land reforms? Which was most successfully implemented?
- Which Indian states benefited most from the Green Revolution? Which states were bypassed?
- What was the IDR Act 1951 about? Why did it eventually become a problem?
- Why did India follow import substitution rather than free trade between 1950 and 1990?

**WEAK-SPOT INDICATORS**

- Cannot list the four planning goals in order.
- Confuses the three components of land reforms.
- Believes Green Revolution benefited all farmers equally.
- Cannot name the IDR Act + Industrial Policy Resolution 1956.
- Confuses import substitution with autarky (banning all imports).

**WHEN TO WORRY – AND WHAT TO DO**

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