

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

The study seeks to answer the following research questions:-

1. What is the nature of role played by the Congress Party in domestic matters?
2. What is the nature of role played by the Congress Party in international affairs?
3. What is the nature of role played by the Left Parties in domestic matters?
4. What is the nature of role played by the Left Parties in international matters?
5. What is the basic difference in the policies of the Left and the Congress?

Rationale for the choice of Topic

India being the biggest democracy in the world, the role of the political parties has always been interesting and significant. The choice of the Congress Party has been made because the Congress is the party which is operating in India from prior to the Independence and has contributed a lot for the attainment OF India's freedom from the alien rule. Even after the attainment of independence, the Congress is the only party which dominated at the Centre and the States uninterruptedly from 1952 till 1967. It has given leadership in both domestic and international affairs. On the other hand, the Left parties also occupy an important place in the Indian political system. Their role has always been significant in both domestic and international affairs.

Naturally, the choice of the topic has been made in this light.