

# Power Sharing

## Sri Lanka

### ★ Ethnic Composition

- Island country, near to india
- 74% sinhala speakers (Buddhism)
- 18% Tamil - Speakers (Hindu/ Muslim)
  - 13% Sri lankan tamils
  - Others Indian Tamils
  - Located at North and East
- 1% Muslim 7% Christians (Sinhala +Tamil)

### ★ Accomodation

#### Majoritarianism in Sri Lanka

- Official language of sri lanka was declared to be sinhala
- Government and university positions were given to sinhals
- Fostered buddhism
- Conflict against communities
  - Feeling of alienation : Tamils had no political powers
  - Demand of Independent tamil state
  - Civil war led to Economic and life loss
  - Refugees

## Forms of Power sharing

### ★ Horizontal

- legislative
- Executive
- Judiciary

### ★ Verical

- Central Government
- State Government
- Local - Self Government

### ★ Social Groups

- Accomodation to social diversities
- eg. Community government in Belgium
- Eg. Reserved Constituencies in India

### ★ Political Parties

- Political parties forms coliation government
- Intrest groups like business man, Workers, Industrialists

## Why Power Sharing is desireable ?

### ★ Prudential Reasons

- Reduces chances of conflicts
- Enables political stability
- Promotes unity and stability in country
- Avoids majority domination

### ★ Moral Reasons

- Saves spirit of democracy
- Ensures equal participation

## Belgium

### ★ Ethnic Composition

- European country who shares border with France, Netherlands, Germany and Luxembourg.
- Brussels was chosen as headquarter of EU
- Dutch Majority, French Minority in country
  - 59% speak dutch and live in Flemish Region
  - 40% speak French and Lives in Wallonia Region
  - remaining 1% speak German
- But in Capital city 80% French and 20\$ Dutch

### ★ Accomodation

#### Political Arrangment

- Between 1970 to 1993, four times constiution was amended
- State goverments were not subordinate to Central Gov.
- Three fold governance
  - Equal number of french and dutch speaking ministers
  - Brussels has a seperate state government with equal representation
  - ]Community gov. resolve Culture, Language and education related issues