

Independent Judiciary and Rent Seeking in India

What explains the nature and volume of interest-group activity in the judiciary in recent decades? The existing literature has attributed this shift to the increasing power of the Indian Supreme Court; fractured legislatures; coalition politics; changes in ideology; greater emphasis on positive rights, etc. I explain this by examining the incentives faced by interest groups while choosing the judiciary as the forum for rent seeking. Unlike the typical explanations from the perspective of the judiciary supplying the changes in rules; the talk offers a demand-driven explanation, analyzing the incentives of interest-groups seeking rule changes.

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