ABSTRACT

A modest effort is made in this study to unravel the mystique of pressure group behaviour in the specific context of the Gujarat political system. The study throws light on the extent of the stake and involvement of the economic elites in the public policy-making process in Gujarat. It examines the nature of economic pressure and the methods of applying such pressure by associational interest groups and lobbies in the context of their interaction with the political parties, the bureaucracy, the Press, the public opinion and so on. It contains case studies on Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Urban Land Ceiling and Regulation Act 1976. The study covers the period 1960 - 1984.