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**Dr. Suma Singh** discussed the reasons for the dissatisfaction of the Southern States of India in the current socio-economic context.

She explored allocation of funds and tax contributions, while discussing the need for enhanced allocations to mitigate the effects of relatively lower replacement rates.

She also discussed the need for states with high GDP contributions to receive adequate financial help to maintain their present levels of income.

She also explained the concepts of tax devolution, vertical and horizontal distribution and fiscal federalism.

