



One nation one election

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Abstract

This paper gives information how One Nation One election policy can save the nation resources and how this is not good for nation. It can bring dictatorship and control of nation in one hand. It can reduce our opposition which is necessary for growth of a country. There is need to make people aware about this policy keeping in mind interest of all parties.

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1. Introduction

India is a democratic country, where the people select their representatives/leaders by giving votes. In India different elections happen at different time since independence. It involves a lot of expenditure by election commissioner and political parties and lot of wastage of productive times. Schools and offices are closed at time of elections. A large number of police workforces are always engaged in elections. There are chances of riots at time of elections. In few countries, the policies of one election are used.

2. Objectives

To know the positive affect of one Nation One election policy
To know the negative effect of one Nation one election policy
To know consequences of implementation of one Nation one election policy

3. Research Methodology

For writing this paper, data is collected from secondary resources and people are asked to give information about their responses for implementing this policy.

4. Review of literature

Content of this paper is collected after reviewing existing literature of those countries which implemented this policy e.g. Libya and China which is using this policy since inception.

Arguments in favour of one election

Reduce the burden of expenditure
If there are common elections, it can save a lot of money of nations. Those who are on duty are paid during elections and other types of expenditure taking booths and keeping security at that time involves a lot of cost.

Reduce of noise pollution

One election will reduce the noise pollution in country. Different political parties rally in different states for getting popularity or to convince people to give votes.

Stability to government

One nation, one election will bring better stability and a better functioning of the government for a longer period of time. It will enable the ministers to focus on welfare instead of the next elections being held at some other states.

Instability of government

Situations like the one which happened in Delhi during 2013 assembly elections where BJP despite being single largest party refused to form government and AAP government resigned after just 49 days in offer and later Arvind Kejriwal went on to contest in Lok Sabha elections. Such situations could be avoided with one election policy.

Transfer of Government officials

Government officers who are transferred prior to every election can be stopped. This practice is used before every election and common people do not know about these tactics, this can be controlled, if there will be large number of parties at the same time.

Reduction in buying votes and EVM tampering

There is chance that malpractices of buying votes and EVM tampering will be reduced as the election commissioner will be able to bring the best technology and chances of buying votes after one defeat in election can be reduced.

Arguments in against of one election

Scarcity of resources

In India, there is a great scarcity/ limited resources and the area is quite large as well as population is vast so it would be quite difficult to control and govern all things at the same time. If both the elections will happened at same time, large number of police force is required at the same time and there are chances of riots.

Centralisation of power

One Nation one election shouldn't be there as it will lead to centralization of power and decrease power of states. There

will be no opposition and it can lead to monopoly of power in few hands. For the growth of a nation opposition parties are necessary to take a decision.

Awareness of one nation one election

People are not aware of one nation one election policy. There is need to make people aware and to make their mind prepare for the election because in India, people are habitual in giving votes in different elections.

Difficulty in implementations

If all elections will be happened at the same time, it will be difficult to implement policies by election commissioner smoothly and there may be chances of some irregularities or malpractices which will be again challenged by defeated party in court or in public and it will go on.

Adverse impact on nation

IF there is only one leader ruling the whole nation and if that particular party is corrupt then it can lead to adverse effect on the whole nation. If people are not satisfied with administration of one party and want to change the minister of states/centre it would not be possible for them and they have to bear one government for five years.

Dictatorship

It can lead to dictatorship because control of nation will go in few hands.

Consequences of implementing one Nation One election policy

Muammar Mohammed Abu Minyar Gaddafi implemented policy of one Nation, one election policy in Libya, to bring dictatorship. He first gained trust of people by reforming the country and then imposed this policy and thus gave him the power of dictatorship that was not a healthy practice for that country.

But if we look at China, One Nation, One election policy, it is growing but there is only one party but in India there are various parties, therefore we can't compare our policy with China to know the consequences of implementing this policy. In North Korea, there is a dictatorship of Kim Jong-un. Elections are happened there but it is sure that he will win; it may possible that dictatorship can happen in future if policy is not implemented properly.

5. Conclusion

The 'One Nation, One Election' proposal being advocated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi was therefore a welcome reform and it will save the country time, resources and energy and allow governance to proceed without distractions. It may require the constitution to be amended but such amendment is desirable and is good for nation.

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