



# Political Parties

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## ★ Political parties.

A group of ~~parties~~ people who came together to contest elections and hold power in government.

## ★ functions of political parties.

- 1) Contest elections.
- 2) Put forward different policies and programmes.
- 3) Play a decisive role in law making.
- 4) forms and runs the government.
- 5) Opposition parties voice different views and criticise government for wrong policies.
- 6) Shape public opinion.



# Party System

## 1) ONE Party system.

One party controls and Run the government.

ex: China.

Advantage :

quick decision making.

Disadvantage :

- i) Vulnerable to dictatorship,
- ii) Against the democracy.

## 2) Two-Party system.

Only the two main parties have serious chances of winning.

eg) U.S.A, U.K etc.

Advantage

more stable.

Disadvantage

Minorities may left Behind.

### 3) Multi Party system.

Several parties compete for power and all of them have reasonable chance of forming government.

ex) India.

Advantage:

fair choice, Democratic.

disadvantage

Political Instability.

### \* NATIONAL PARTIES.

Requirements.

- 6% votes of total votes in Lok Sabha or assembly election of 4 states.
- At least 4 seats in Lok Sabha.
- Office + Permanent symbol, etc.,
- known as 'Recognised Party'.

### \* State Parties.

Requirements.

- 6% of total votes in an election of a state legislative assembly.



- At least 2 seats in legislative Assembly.
- known as 'Regional Party'.

### ★ Challenges faced by political parties:

- 1) Lack of internal democracy... power lies with few leaders at top.
- 2) Top position of parties controlled by one family.
- 3) Parties nominate candidates who can raise a lot of money, sometime even criminals.
- 4) Parties do not offer meaningful choice to voters, there is very less ideological difference between them.

### ★ Steps taken to Reform Political Parties:

- 1) Constitution prevents MPs, MLAs from changing parties because many representatives were indulging in defection to become minister or for cash rewards. Now if they do this they lose their seats.
- 2) Candidate contesting for election must file an affidavit giving details of their property.
- 3) Election commission has passed an order making it compulsory for parties to hold their organisation elections and file ITR (Income Tax Returns).

## ★ Suggestion from us.

- 1) Laws should be made to regulate internal affairs of political parties from an independent authorities that solve party disputes.
- 2) 1/3rd tickets of women and 1/3rd top post of parties must be reserved for women.
- 3) Government should fund these parties to fight elections, funding must be based on no. of votes secured in last elections.

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