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MOTION OF THE NATIONAL DEBATE : "ONE NATION, ONE ELECTION" (ONOE)

The concept of "One Nation, One Election" (ONOE) in India refers to the idea of synchronizing elections for the Lok Sabha (the national legislature) and all State Legislative Assemblies. It aims to streamline the election process, reduce costs and minimize the disruption of governance due to frequent elections.

Key Points to Discuss in a Motion on "One Nation, One Election"

1. Historical Context

India initially conducted simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies in 1951-52, 1957, 1962 and 1967.

This practice was disrupted in the late 1960s due to the premature dissolution of some state assemblies and the Lok Sabha.

2. Objectives of ONOE

Cost Efficiency: Reduce the significant financial burden of conducting frequent elections.

Governance Continuity: Prevent frequent disruption of policy implementation due to the Model Code of Conduct.

Focus on Development: Shift focus from constant electioneering to governance and long-term planning.

Reduction in Electoral Fatigue: Reduce the recurring workload on election machinery and voter fatigue.

3. Advantages of ONOE

Economic Savings: Consolidated elections can save significant public expenditure.

Stable Governance: Governments can focus on long-term policy-making rather than short-term electoral gains.

Efficient Resource Use: Security forces, polling personnel, and logistical resources can be deployed more efficiently.

Increased Voter Turnout: Synchronizing elections may encourage higher participation due to reduced inconvenience.

4. Challenges and Criticisms

Constitutional Amendments Required: Major changes would be needed to Articles 83, 85, 172, 174 and 356 of the Constitution.

Practical Implementation: Addressing scenarios like the premature dissolution of a legislature.

Federal Concerns : May weaken the autonomy of states, as state and national issues could overlap during elections.

Complexity of Execution: Managing logistics and voting across such a large and diverse nation poses significant challenges.

Impact on Regional Parties: It could dilute the importance of state - specific issues, overshadowed by national narratives.

5. Alternatives to Address Frequent Elections

Phased Synchronization: Implement ONOE gradually by aligning the election cycles of some states with the Lok Sabha.

Fixed Terms: Introduce mechanisms to ensure legislatures complete their full terms unless in extreme cases.

6. Recent Developments

The Indian government has formed committees and engaged in debates to explore the feasibility of ONOE. This reflects growing political and public interest in the idea.

7. Way Forward

National consensus involving all political parties and stakeholders.

Detailed study of the legal, logistical and administrative challenges.

Pilot programs in selected regions or states to test the concept.

Conclusion

"One Nation, One Election" offers a promising solution to India's frequent election cycles, but it must balance economic efficiency with democratic and federal principles. The success of ONOE will depend on meticulous planning, stakeholder buy-in, and constitutional safeguards to uphold democratic integrity.

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