

Electoral and Political Reforms demanded by National Election Watch and Association for Democratic Reforms

- Candidates with Criminal antecedents should be debarred from contesting elections.
- There is an urgent need for a comprehensive Bill to regulate the functioning of Political Parties to ensure inner party democracy and financial transparency within the political parties.
- The internal elections for the offices of political parties should be done using secret ballot and the culture of unanimous selection of the office bearers must stop.
- The ticket distribution process of the political parties should be made transparent and should be decided by the registered members of political parties.
- The accounts of the political parties should be audited by the CAG appointed auditors.
- The Political Parties should be declared as Public Authorities so that their functioning could be transparent and be made more accountable.
- Strict Laws should be passed to punish candidates involved in Electoral malpractices, particularly for buying of votes.
- Implement ceiling on expenses of Political Parties during election period.
- Strict Action against candidates who fail to file their election expenses.
- There should be a cooling off period of of 5 years before which beauracrats or people who have changed their parties are allowed to contest elections on tickets of a political party.
- The requirement for winning election should be “50% + 1 of the registered votes cast.
- Voting machines should have the option of “None of the above”. If the election in a constituency results in “None of the above” getting the maximum number of votes, there should be a re-poll and the candidates who contested should not be allowed to re-contest in that election.

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