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Teaching learning material

Class Xth Subject Political science

Chapter:Politicalparties

State Parties:

The Election Commission has classified some of the major parties of the country as “State parties”. These are also referred to as regional parties. Some of these parties are:

Biju Janata Dal
Sikkim Democratic Front
Mizo National Front
Telangana Rashtra Samithi

Challenges to Political Parties:

Popular dissatisfaction and criticism have focussed on 4 problem areas in the working of political parties. These are:

Lack of internal democracy within parties. Parties do not keep membership registers, do not hold organisational meetings, and do not conduct internal elections regularly.

Most political parties do not practice open and transparent procedures for their functioning, so there are very few ways for an ordinary worker to rise to the top in a party. In many parties, the top positions are always controlled by members of one family.

The third challenge is about the growing role of money and muscle power in parties, especially during elections. Since parties are focussed only on winning elections, they tend to use short-cuts to win elections. In some cases, parties support criminals who can win elections.

People do not find parties to be a meaningful choice for their votes. Sometimes people cannot even elect very different leaders either, because the same set of leaders keep shifting from one party to another.

Read the above passage throughly and try to understand and give the answer of the following questions :

- 1.Name the five State Political parties which is currently ruling to the States.
- 2.What do you mean by Lack of internal democracy?
- 3.Write the Role of Money and muscle power in Elections.

4. Write the Four Problem areas in the working of political parties.

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