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Teaching learning material

Class Xth      Subject Political science

Chapters :Political parties

How can Parties be Reformed?

Have a look at some of the recent efforts and suggestions to reform political parties and its leaders in India. Some efforts are listed below:

The Constitution was amended to prevent elected MLAs and MPs from changing parties.

The Supreme Court passed an order to reduce the influence of money and criminals. Now, it is mandatory for every candidate who contests elections to file an AFFIDAVIT giving details of his property and criminal cases pending against him.

The Election Commission passed an order making it necessary for political parties to hold their organisational elections and file their income tax returns

Besides these, many suggestions are made to reform political parties. These suggestions have not yet been accepted by political parties.

A law should be made to regulate the internal affairs of political parties.

It should be made mandatory for political parties to give a minimum number of tickets, about one-third, to women candidates. Similarly, there should be a quota for women in the decision making bodies of the party.

There should be state funding of elections. The government should give parties money to support their election expenses.

There are two other ways in which political parties can be reformed.

People can put pressure on political parties. This can be done through petitions, publicity and agitations.

Political parties can improve if people who want change can join political parties. It is difficult to reform politics if ordinary citizens do not take part in it and simply criticise it from the outside.

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

1.What is the Mandatory for the every Candidates who will contest elections?

2.What is the necessary for political parties ?

3.How many quota are reserved for the Women in election?

4.Which order passed by the Supreme Court for Political Parties.

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