
Political Commerce - Anathema to Indian Democratic System - A Nutshell Study

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Abstract

A strong opposition in the people's houses is important to check the balances of ruling party. Kleptocracy in Indian democracy is devouring political environment as politicians seem to embrace politics as a source for scoring as much wealth as possible in corrupt practices. Political Commerce implies, "Wealth accumulation through political power" and "Buying votes and gaining power and pelf" and also "Return On Investment in elections". Monetary energy in the hands of government is like systematic flow of blood in the veins of human body. Power mongering can force any person to shift loyalties from one party to other. T.N Seshan suggested the law makers to initiate complete election reforms lest the foundation of democratic institution of Indian Republic will be shaken and shattered.

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Introduction

“He is a politician who promises and convinces people to build a bridge where there is no river”, said Winston Churchill, former British Prime Minister who also stated that Indians cannot rule the country systematically because of disunity among parties and people. Corrupt mentality of politicians and people are the sole criterion that devalues well laid down the best form of Indian Democracy. That is the reason that Indian democratic system started deteriorating since freedom was won from the shackles of British rule and this trend is reaching its peak and what would be the future of this nation by end of this century remains a gruesome question. Indian constitution did not restrict founding of national and regional parties to any number. Hence today we have umpteen numbers of political parties coming forward with an extrinsic motive of serving the people and with an intrinsic target of wielding power and amassing pelf to the extent possible and for laying deep roots to retain power in the ensuing elections. Political philosophers therefore say we have only politicians but no statesmen.

A strong opposition in the people's houses is important to check the balances of ruling party. Where is that opposition especially in some states and at centre? Cropping up of new parties are vertically dividing votes and the majority votes polled by the party occupies the power irrespective of percentage of total votes polled. It is an unhealthy practice. Constitutional remedies are to be made to the effect that at least fifty plus percentage of votes polled should be the criterion to form the government. In order to establish a congenial political atmosphere, two or three parties are to be recognized for contesting in elections as in Britain and USA and rest are to be affiliated to them as their wish. Turncoats should resign and go for polls afresh. Election manifestoes must be implemented and any deviation must be supported with valid reasons acceptable by concerned courts. Criminal record holders should not be allowed to contest.

Kleptocracy in Indian democracy is devouring political environment as politicians seem to embrace politics as a source for scoring as much wealth as possible in corrupt practices. To get elected amidst numerous fellow contestants, buying votes from the voters has become a regular practice and to get back the spent money, earning by fraudulent means in multiples of investment from numerable sources has become a routine affair in preference to full-fledged welfare measures to meet the dire needs of the subjects of states. Besides these, it is the responsibility of the rulers to propagate, inspire and inculcate retaining, restoring and restitution of human values. But much importance is unfortunately not evinced in the face of selfish motives of wielders of power.

Greed for Power

Political Commerce, a new phrase coined by this author in a view of politicians involving in Trade, or calls it a Blade or Business to gain pelf. Actually commerce is defined as the activity of buying and selling especially on a large scale. It is a direct of Trade among monetary specialists and alludes to the trading of products, administrations or something of significant worth between organizations or entities.

Buying of votes and gaining back in multiples through illegal means eyeing on next election expenditure is an open secret not unknown to public. According to the Greek folklore, father of commerce is POSEIDON, the Sea God; and he utilized it Trade which is a basic business connected to monetary returns as benefits. In a commercial activity, financial losses are to be faced. In political commerce, financial losses are colossal to those who lost elections and huge profits to those who won. How the winners get back Return on their Investment is an open secret in dark routes.

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Political Commerce

Political Commerce as stated above a new phrased word coined by this author defining it "Wealth accumulation through political power" and "Buying votes and gaining power and pelf" and also "Return On Investment in elections". There are other terms existing in business, they are:

- B2B (Business to Business)
- B2C (Business to Customer)
- B2A (Business to Administration)
- C2A (Consumer to Administration)
- C2B (Consumer to Business)
- P2P (Politics to Pelf)
- P2C (Politics to Commerce)

Finance and Commerce are twins and inseparables like both sides of the coin. To serve the subjects of the states, financial strength is needed subject to taking some major measures. In this connection, this author suggested a few points through a press statement as under published in Hans India English daily.

Tips to topple financial straits

Deficit budgets every year has become a regular affair on account of expenditure is more than revenue at state and central level. As far as centre is concerned, lion's share of income is needed to be earmarked to defence in view of sustaining safety and security of the country from external invasions and internal disturbances. Increasing taxes becomes a burden to common public but a necessity. Since salaries and wages are being periodically revised upwards, it has become essential to hike the taxes.

In the past three years, the domain of Indian economy is pushed into doldrums to the tune of lakhs of crores due to reasons of external threats and spiking of corona virus. To set right this gloomy predicament, government has to gear up some ways and means to fill its coffers.

In this connection, a few remedial measures are put forth to implement to the extent possible to gain fiscal strength. All social welfare activities can be continued and also can be useful during unplanned circumstances such as natural calamities. Monetary energy in the hands of government is like systematic flow of blood in the veins of human body. First and foremost point is to stop freebies to

poor but show them some remunerative work. Secondly tax evaders and defaulters shall be dealt with seriously. Thirdly promote tourism. Fourthly initiate stringent action to get back black money blocked in foreign banks. Invite multi-national companies to land in India for launching industries. Last but not least, encourage cottage industries for generation of self employment to avoid dependency on governments. Finally everything will go well upon strategic plans subject doing away with banana governance (corrupt nation).

Defections

Power mongering can force any person to shift loyalties from one party to other. If any person who was allotted the reserved symbol of any political party and got elected as a member of either House of Parliament or of the Legislative Assembly or Legislative Council of a State or of a Union Territory voluntarily renounced allegiance to, or association with, such political party, the member was said to have defected. An individual member or a group of members defected for the greed of office or other patronage. Sometimes, the member was, or they were, inveigled by a group or a political party so that that group or party could stake a claim to form the government. The individual most active in inveigling put up a claim for Chief Ministership. If not defection but betrayal of a group in the same party members formed the government by dethroning United Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister of Telugu Desam Party suzerain N.T. Ramarao in 1984. Very recently power politics has gone to a new range. To cite a glaring example, Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh was vehemently taken out from the post and the state's PCC President Navjot Singh Sidhu likewise offered his abdication. Both the leaders can be chided for their skip around and trick outlooks. Moral qualities are constantly consigned to the rearward sitting arrangement before political corporate greed. Consequently political or governmental issues and morals have a place with various worlds.

Ambitious Nature

The main causes of defections were the ambition for power. The unfortunate but hard fact of Indian political life after independence was that politicians fought and maneuvered for power and government offices as stated above. There are quite number of examples in States and Centre on defections. These turncoats can be counted under sedition to mother parties. A law was enacted on defections but of no avail.

Conclusion

Transparency is the oxygen of democracy once again reiterated by Apex Court also very recently. But this notation is still seen on papers because of the reason that political parties are to their might burying this principle. For the past two and half years on an average for every two days one political party is founded and by now the total figure goes to nearly five hundred. As of now, the recognized parties numbering 2796 prevail in the country as per statistics announced by Election Commission of India. Former Chief Election Commissioner of India, T.N Seshan suggested the law makers to initiate complete election reforms lest the foundation of democratic institution of Indian Republic will be shaken and shattered.

Defections in political parties are consistently persisting despite enactments of laws. Power and pelf is playing progressively in political field uncontrollably which is damaging the image of Indian Republic. India needs a dynamic dictator like leader to establish and retain well cultured doctrine of Indian democracy.

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