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Q1

Examine the need for electoral reforms as suggested by various committees, with particular reference to "one nation - one election" principle.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · GS II · 10 marks · Indian Constitution

Indian Constitution - historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.

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Law Commission of India (170th Report)

Recommended simultaneous elections as one item among criminalisation, false affidavits and party regulation.

Law Commission of India (255th Report)

Returned to electoral reform, including criminalisation and the need to regulate party finance and inner-party democracy.

Kovind High-Level Committee, 2024

Proposed a common electoral calendar for Lok Sabha and Assemblies, with a constitutional mechanism if a House falls mid-term.

Section 77, Representation of the People Act, 1951

Caps a candidate's election spend; party expenditure sits largely outside that ceiling.

Lily Thomas v. Union of India

Struck down the provision that let sitting legislators keep their seats for three months after conviction.

S.R. Bommai v. Union of India

Floor test, not a remote calendar, decides whether a State government has lost majority.