CRIMINALIZATION OF POLITICS: ITS IMPACT ON STATE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS

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ABSTRACT

It is widely accepted that the success of the government and the prosperity of people depended largely on the ruler. Founding fathers of independent India, adopted for us a system of representative democracy. But, due to criminalization of politics the people are losing faith in their representative, which is every cause for serious concern criminals enter politics to become politicians and acquisition of power by unlawful acts and then patronize other criminals. This synthesis of criminal and politics is called criminalization of politics. The purpose of this paper is to analysis the criminal background of candidates and MLAs of five states i.e. Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur where state assembly elections were held in the month of January and February of 2012. This paper is divided into two parts. Part one presents the total number of candidates, candidates with criminal background, number of criminal winner MLAs. Part two presents the party-wise position of criminal candidates and MLAs.