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- (Q) How does simultaneous elections across Lok Sabha and state assemblies impact federalism? Analyse (250 words)
- (Ans) The Government of India formed a committee to explore the possibility of "One Nation, one election" under a chairperson by former president Ram Nath Kovind.

Historical perspective

- After the enforcement of the constitution on January 26, 1950, the first general election for both Lok Sabha and State Assemblies occurred simultaneously in 1950-1951-52 upto 1967.
- In 1959, disrupted were occur due to failure of constitutional machinery. (under Article 356)
- But now, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Odisha Andhra Pradesh etc. conduct their assembly polls concurrently with the Lok Sabha elections.

Law commission of India (LCI) Report - 2018

- The LCI, led by Justice B.S. Chauhan, issued a draft report in August 2018 on such election.
- LCI recommended seeking approval from at least 50% of the state.

Positives of ONE

- (1) Manage price
less money spent on this type of election.
- (2) center-state relation
The co-operation b/w between center-state is increased.
- (3) Security forces
Some group of SS forces required for security of leaders.
- (4) Administration cost
Administration cost is less amount use.

One nation one election is also impact our federal structure and union in bios

Negative impact of ONOE

(1) Federalism

The autonomy of state may be violate

- for policy making.

(2) Benefit to National party

In this type of election it benefit to national party not regional party.

Eg:- BJP, congress etc. Benefit But BJD in Odisha may not be benefit here.

(3) Centralization

center is more stronger as compare state. Federalism may be continue.

(4) Feasibility and constitutional implication

- The constitution fixed tenures of members of Lok Sabha and State Assembly under Article 83(2) and 172 respectively.

(5) Policy not continue

The policy of a particular state may not be continue.

In summary of it is said that the one nation one election is Impact on federalism of India where center is more benefit to then state. It also violate the Articles of 83 and 172. But common man of India may be benefited because rest of money is utilised for welfare of people of India.