

ECJ - unethical watchdog. Reinforcing its indep. should be a priority for all stakeholders. Explain.

The Election Commission which is one of the Bedrocks of Democracy is also the watchdog of political merit system - elections.

The role of the institution in of late plagued by issues.

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* These are instances of missing voters in the list, duplicate entries among others

* The polling booth violence is also on the rise which leads to booth capturing and impersonalization of voters.

* The mobility of cash to bribe voters is setting a new benchmark in every election.

Reinforcing independence of the Commission must be done in priority.

Independence

* The Election Commission must be empowered to deregister the political parties and sanction the political parties involving in law breaking parties.

* Independent secretariat for the election commission along with separate funding and being accountable.

The Election Commission's independence is paramount for free fair election fulfilling the basic doctrine.