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Recently Lok Sabha passed a bill that proposes to allow non-resident Indians to use proxies to cast on their behalf in Indian elections. Discuss advantages & disadvantages of proxy voting. what other viable alternatives do you suggest.

ADVANTAGES:

- 1) It will enable the country to provide voting rights to NRIs which are enshrined under Article 326
- 2) There are nearly 16 million Indian citizens living abroad and the additional votes casted by them would play a crucial role in state and central elections.
- 3) It removes the unreasonable restriction on overseas electors to be physically present in their constituencies to cast their votes.
- 4) It will improve the knowledge of external voters on domestic conditions.

DISADVANTAGES:

- 1) It cannot be guaranteed that proxy voter will vote as per the wishes of the actual voter.
- 2) No check on coercion or inducements by the employer on the NRI to exercise their free and fair voting.
- 3) Practical challenge of confirming NRI voters before election.

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ALTERNATIVES:

The NRS's can be made to vote by the postal ballots from their respective country in which they are staying. And the voter can be made to submit the ballot to the Indian Embassy in the country in which they are residing and the same may be received after verification of the voter.

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