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IPS Parliament

Qo How do simultaneous elections across Lok Sabha and State Assemblies impact federalism? Analyse (250 words).

Simultaneous elections was the norm until the election of year 1967. However, after the dissolution of some State Assemblies in 1968, 1969. So from 1970 elections are held separately.

Recently, One Nation One Election concept is in news abit from a while.

Need of ONDE :-

↳ huge election expenditure on different election process.



- Frequent imposition of MCC
- Disruption on public life
- Deployment of security forces
- Hence, also hamper legislature and executive work
- Might lead to divide and might have socio-economic costs.

Criticisms to ONOE:

- (1) Synchronisation of Lok Sabha and state assemblies election in present scenario is difficult.
- (2) Against the spirit of Federalism: As state Assemblies will not have any autonomy for conducting their elections.
- (3) Frequent elections keep Government accountable and responsible through out the durations.
- (4) Other challenges $\rightarrow$ EV machines
manpower constraint
Security Challenges.

WAY AHEAD:

- (1) conduct elections in 2 phases instead of one or multiple phases.
- (2) Avoid premature dissolution of Lok Sabha and state Assemblies.
- (3) Anti Defection law should be amended and autonomy should be given to MP, MLAs.



(4) Amending the RPA, 1951, 1950 is been recommended by 'Law Commission'

(5) Election of PM and CM should include full house so that strong consensus and stability is being made.

One Nation one election might have a major synchronisation problem. Hence to overcome it Parliamentary committee suggested phase wise election which can be a solution.

Hence ONOE will requires proper coordination and consensus of all the major stakeholders.