

2. Election Commission of India needs to extend the facility of voting to shorter term overseas migrants. Do you agree with this view? Explain.

Supreme court urged central government to extend facilitate Non-Resident Indians participating in elections. Chief election commissioner ^{exploring ways to (voting)} ~~is~~ ^{proposing} Electoral transmission postal ballot system to overseas citizens.

Non-Resident Indians missing out:

1. India - with 1.35 cr diaspora - is one of largest global diaspora globally.

2. Many of them moving out for short term, are missing out in performing their mandate. voting in Election

3. Coming in-person to home country, high ~~high~~ travel expenses are discouraging to exercise their mandate

4. 2019 - Lok Sabha election - shows of 99,800 registered overseas citizens only 25,500 ~~voting~~ voted in election.

measures taken so far.

2014 - Committee was set up - which concluded for proxy voting, but legislation could not be passed.

2020 - Election Commission is exploring ways to extend Electoral transmission postal ballot system

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to non-Resident Indians

Reasons.

1. Postal ballot ^{is more reliable than} ~~similar to the~~ ~~currently~~ & proxy voting.
2. Most democratic countries ~~at~~ allowed postal ballot to their overseas citizens.

need to extend the postal ballot system:

Postal ballot system - currently available to Government servants posted outside India, persons more than 80 years old,

System has to be extended to short term workers overseas, to enable them perform democratic mandate.

Similarly long term workers also needs to be allowed, as speci allowing skewed population, will be more infructuous.

way forward

Act 326 universal adult franchise - political right of citizens both within and outside India, to exercise their mandate of voting. Government must extend facility ^{of} voting to non-resident Indians