SELF WORK

Topic :’Elections are opportunities for the citizens to make choice of public policies’. Considering the statement discuss the role of citizens in policy making.

A democratic government is based on ‘ People decision ,votes and ideas’, that is People/ Ordinary citizens are the supreme power in democracy. Citizens occupy the highest hierarchy in democratic government .with this power , we ensure proper functioning of the government since it is we who elect and give power to them for our better future.

Elections enable voters to select leaders and to hold them accountable for their performance in office. If citizens think that the government or representative is not worthy and doesn’t represent the interest of the citizens ,Voters have the power to end the tenure of the government by not electing them in next election

During election ,Citizens participant and vote really matter for the administration and public policies. Therefore, citizen is a must in democracy who plays a crucial role in changing public policies. It also give citizen power to make a choice of public policies.

Hence , we can say that citizens are the ultimate policy maker.

Besides this, Election is used as a medium ,tool, tactic or means for citizens participant to change public policies. Although there are several methods which help to influence the nature of public policies. Prior to elections , leaders state /announces their programme or ideas in which they speak briefly about the policies they would like to implement after winning .If citizens are not satisfied with new policies , they have the power to disintegrate their leader’s or representative party by not electing them.

Hence, election is a major weapon/tool to make change in public policies.

In 21st Century ,Citizens act as an ‘agent’ in public policies .Election also ensures active participant of people in policy making. There are another ways which helps to make a choice of public policies to the citizens such as Social Media , Non –profitable and pressure groups ,Agencies ,Non violence protest.

Mass Media or press is the best platform to express public opinon where citizens influence public policy. Not only Media but government and leaders ask for the public opinion which they later implement in their policies. If public voice or opinion gets rejected, Citizens have the right to protest to make their decision to implement in policies . If it doesn’t work citizens don’t elect the previous representative. By expressing opinions ,Citizens not only act as agent but also influencer of policy maker.

Influence of citizens in policy making is that citizen opinion is one the superme features of democracy .We have the right to question of government policies if we are not satisfied with it.

With the advancement of technology ,it has become easier to raise our voice . In coming time , citizens role must be enlarge or widen to making choice of the policy by the citizen itself.

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