

R. Venkataraman v. Union of India (1989)

Court: Supreme Court of India

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Facts:

A writ petition questioned the validity of President Ramaswamy Venkataraman's election, alleging disqualification under Article 58. The petitioner sought the Court's intervention to declare the election void.

Issues:

Whether the Supreme Court could entertain a challenge to the Presidential election outside the exclusive jurisdiction of an election petition under the Presidential and Vice■Presidential Elections Act, 1952.

Holding:

The Court dismissed the petition, holding that an election to the office of President may only be challenged by way of an election petition as provided by statute.

Significance:

Clarified procedural safeguards around challenges to Presidential elections, reinforcing constitutional separation between judicial and electoral processes.