

## **Proposed Resolution**

### **Traders & Entrepreneurs Conference**

**23 August 2025**

### **All Traders and Entrepreneurial Organisations**

The national leadership conference of traders and entrepreneurs strongly supports the idea of One Nation, One Election. This conference believes that the path to a Developed India and a strong economy passes through the implementation of One Nation, One Election.

#### **Growth in GDP**

If India moves forward with One Nation, One Election, there is an estimated 1.5% increase in GDP.

At present, India's economy stands at \$4.2 trillion (₹367 lakh crore), making it the fourth-largest economy in the world. With One Nation, One Election, the economy could see an additional growth of ₹5.5 lakh crore, helping India to move rapidly towards becoming the third-largest economy globally, with a strong foundation for a developed and prosperous India.

#### **Saving in Expenses**

According to the Shri Ramnath Kovind Committee, elections in India cost anywhere between ₹4 lakh crore to ₹7 lakh crore. If elections are held simultaneously, nearly one-third of this expense can be saved. Even if we take a conservative estimate of ₹4.5 lakh crore, the savings from One Nation, One Election would be around ₹1.5 lakh crore.

For perspective, 15 states of India do not even reach this figure in their entire state budgets. Such savings will act as a strong engine for development.

#### **Saving in Time**

Currently, every four months, elections are being held somewhere in the country. Time is the greatest capital today.

With repeated elections and multiple phases of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC), development work halts for 40 days each time, and with separate state elections, this becomes 80 days.

If Lok Sabha and State Assembly elections are held together, at least 40 additional working days would be available for development.

At today's pace of ₹1 lakh crore GDP per day, this translates to ₹40 lakh crore in 5 years or ₹8 lakh crore annually in added economic output.

## **Saving in Human Resources**

Human resources are the most valuable assets.

Around 1.5 crore government employees are deployed for at least 7 days during elections, which means 10.5 crore workdays are lost twice in two separate elections.

- With One Nation, One Election, these 10.5 crore workdays can be saved.

If we also calculate the time of political party workers, which is about three times the number of employees and nearly four weeks long, then around 126 crore additional human workdays are saved.

Together, this comes to 136.5 crore lost workdays.

At the current average per capita productivity of ₹1,600 per day (based on total GDP  $\div$  365 days  $\div$  60 crore working population), the additional potential output comes to ₹2.18 lakh crore.

## **Political Stability – The Engine of Development**

Having elections once every five years will bring political stability, which is essential for development.

Frequent elections and shifting political equations create an environment of uncertainty.

In a democracy, political stability is the guarantee of growth. Hence, One Nation, One Election is a necessity for national prosperity.

## **Boost to Capital Expenditure**

Frequent elections lead to populist promises in manifestos. Many states, while fulfilling these promises, overshoot their fixed budgets, which reduces the funds available for capital expenditure (the real engine of development).

- Capital expenditure rotates money six times in the economy, whereas revenue expenditure rotates it only twice.
- With One Nation, One Election, more capital will be available for development, and the wheels of the economy will spin faster.

## **Benefits for Traders**

When the Model Code of Conduct halts government projects, the work of the trading community also slows down.

Frequent elections cause personal and collective losses to traders.

Similarly, repeated election donations also become a burden. Having elections once will encourage a healthier tradition of one-time support.

## **Resolution and Commitment**

Traders are the engine of the nation's economy.

Rapid development is our shared goal, and One Nation, One Election is a powerful way to achieve it.

All trader and entrepreneur organisations of the country unanimously support this resolution. We pledge to create nationwide awareness.

Every state and district will host similar conferences. We will unite traders and entrepreneur groups at state, district, and local levels and ensure the success of One Nation, One Election.

## **Slogans**

Traders say – One Nation, One Election

Entrepreneurs say – One Nation, One Election

Trader-Entrepreneur Unity - Long live, long live

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