

**Seventeenth Loksabha**

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Title: Regarding holding of simultaneous Elections

**SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY (MEDAK):** In a country with a population of 1.38 billion people, going to elections every two to three months, the hope of transformation takes a backseat to political competition and campaigning. This non-stop run of elections at multiple election units often leads to the freezing of policies, schemes and projects till the process of elections ends. During elections, the entire State and Central machinery are deployed in the execution of safe and fair elections which evidently leads to the halt of public service delivery and a loss of working days for the Government staff. Moreover, these departments are not only resource-strapped but also low on staff. Not only this, multiple elections cause a burden on the exchequer which is not fiscally prudent. The 2014 general election is estimated to have costed Rs 3,870 crore to the Consolidated Fund of India. Hence, I would like to propose that a model of holding simultaneous and synchronized elections be taken into consideration.

**HON. CHAIRPERSON:** Shri M. Selvaraj – Not present.