

Need to implement 'One Nation One Election' -laid

SHRI TEJASVI SURYA (BANGALORE SOUTH): It is noticed that a lot of expenditure is incurred in conducting elections across the country. The country always seems to be in election mode - if elections conclude in 1 state or states, within a span of six months, there are elections announced in a few other states. Presently, elections are being held in five states - MP, Rajasthan, Telangana, Mizoram and Chhattisgarh. In the next months, the General Elections will be held along with polls in Odisha and Andhra Pradesh. This situation is leading to a sizable chunk of the taxpayers' money being drained in conducting elections almost all the time. It is also leading to political parties spending more on campaigning, rallies and social media marketing. The 'One Nation, One Election' call by the Honorable Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi Ji will help in reducing the expenditure for holding elections. It will also help political parties focus on devising their strategies for one particular period and bring down their expenses by a large fraction. In view of the above, I request the Government to bring about a plan or policy to implement the 'One Nation, One Election' concept and reform the electoral process.