

Q The Election Commission of India's (ECI) new mechanism to allow voters to exercise their abroad right through a digital device is a leap forward in electoral reforms. Do you agree with this view? Comment (200 words).

In 2019, general elections, 300 million voters did not exercise their franchise due to absence from home constituency (Migrant labourers, Non Resident Indians).

Voting important procedure of democracy, the new initiative of Election Commission of India (ECI) with ITI - Madras, the digital voting device is make the motto of election commission "No one left behind" to a reality.

Advantages of digital voting

1) More convenient to Migrant labourers and NRI's

It makes the labourers in india and abroad to cast the vote without travel to their

Constitutionally and more efficient than Proxy Voting.

1) Not new to democracy

The digital voting also practices in Estonia, and US. In Estonia the voter's identity card embedded with chips used for digital voting, In US the mobile application "Vote3" be used. India the EC, already takes step to linking AADHAAR CARD with election identity card, then it is possible to make/cast voting using biometric information in a digital platform.

2) Block chain technology

End-to-End technology, more decentralized and efficient one, it will be also used in other sectors like banking, health sector, and shows the positive results of efficiency with negligible errors.

Disadvantages

1) Question about security

The current "Electronic Voting machine" (EVM) its self blamed by the security issues, then this new block-chain technology should undergoes security threads.

↳ Lack of Awareness

From Ballot Paper to E-voting process itself takes time, now also someone in remote villages unaware about 'how to cast vote' using E-voting, thus this new experiment has less chance to attain success without paper awareness programmes.

casting vote is important one and it is right of all eligible citizens but the security and safety, ~~and~~ trust of citizens about casting/voting procedure is more important one. The new digital device will make voters more convenient and government will spend less money for election procedure but the "soul of democracy" is in the trust in voting without illusions.