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Q. Election Commission of India needs to Extend the facility of voting to shorter term overseas Migrants. Do you agree with this view? Explain

↳ India has the largest diaspora population nearly 1.25 crore non Resident Indians across the Globe.

↳ Election Commission of India.

In 2020, ECI approached the Government to permit NRI to vote via Postal Ballot, similar to the system used by service voters that is Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS).

↳ Act
Section 60 of the RP Act 1951 provides for the person to be given postal ballot facility.

↳ Reason for NRI → Postal Balloting System

↳ Higher cost to travel back to India

↳ Some Democratic countries allow this option to Overseas Citizen.

↳ Facility to vote

↳ Registering their mandate on a downloaded ETPB and sending it to the Returning officer of the constituency.

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↳ longer term migrants should also be allowed to register.

↳ Allowing Postal Ballot use should be a good move for NRIs.

↳ Therefore if the Postal Ballot system is indeed instituted, rules must be clearly framed for voters' eligibility on the Basis of their time spent away from the country.