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Handout

Challenges to Political Parties: All over the world, people express their dissatisfaction with the failure of political parties to perform their functions. Political parties need to face these challenges.

1. **Lack of internal democracy:** Top leaders , their family members domnate in decision making.
2. **Lack of transparency:** Ordinary members work for the party for long time, but they can't occupy top positions. Instead the leaders son and daughters, rich persons and the persons with criminal background occupy top positions.
3. **Money and muscle power:** Characters and sincerity of the candidates are not important. Instead chance of winning election is important. Those who are having money and criminal background get chance to contest elections. No morality among the parties and the politicians.
4. **No meaningful choices:** The voters are given choices of candidates to choose from many contestants, but good candidates who are really interested to serve the people aren't given tickets to contest. The rich persons and having criminal connections are given chances to contest the election.

Reforming the parties: The citizens wxpect that the parties and their functions must be reformed with strict rules and regulations:-

1. Defection of the M.L.As and M.Ps. They are elected from a party and they leave that party to join other parties for their personal gain. This must be restricted.

2. To restrict the criminals contesting election, the Supreme Court directed the Election Commission to get AFFIDAVIT from the contestants to disclose their criminal background.
3. Election commission instructed to conduct regular election within the party to elect the officials.

Suggestion for the political parties:

1. Law should be made to regulate the internal affairs of the political parties.
2. Strict rules to give ticket for the poor, women and others.
3. The government may grant some money to the parties to meet the expenditures of petrol, paper, etc.