

GS-II Important Aspects of Governance, Transparency and Accountability.

1. Criminalization of Politics undermines the Effective Functioning of Democracy. Comment

Why this Question?

- Criminalization of politics and its impacts on Democracy.

Key demands of Question:

- Explain the impacts of criminalization of politics on the effective functioning of the democracy.

Directive word:

Comment:

- When you are asked to comment, you have to pick main points and give your 'opinion' on them based on evidences or arguments stemming from your wide reading.
- Your opinion may be for or against, but you must back your argument with evidences.
- These types of question offer you a chance to consolidate your reading of different subjects to justify your opinion.

Structure of Answer:

Introduction:

- Give brief intro about the increase in the criminalization of politics in India by mentioning the ADR report.

Body:

- Explain the various causes for the criminalization of politics. For example, vote bank, corruption, governance issues, etc.
- Discuss the impacts of the criminalization of politics on the effective functioning of the democracy.
- Highlights the Supreme Court directives in this regard like disclosure of criminal information, etc.

Conclusion:

- Conclude with the way forward measures to tackle the criminalization of politics in India.