

ELECTORS MUST HAVE THE RIGHT OF RECALL TOO!

The President can be removed by the mechanism in Section 36 of the Constitution during the term of office.

The process is initiated by the Electoral College (the Parliamentarians who elect the President).

As we have seen, this may be unlikely given the requirement for two-thirds votes in favour in the Electoral College either to establish the Tribunal to investigate and report on the facts or to remove the President once the Tribunal reports.

This is because of the built-in majority of the party in Government.

The Chief Justice can be removed by a similar mechanism where the Tribunal is initiated by the Prime Minister.

The Government or the Prime Minister can be removed by a no-confidence vote of the Parliament (not very likely given the Government's built-in majority in the Parliament).

But, MPs, elected by the electors as their Parliamentary Representatives, cannot be removed from office during their term by the electors.

The Right of Recall (to remove from office for unsatisfactory performance or wrongdoing) exists for the other representative or important offices but not for the MPs.

The Right of Recall is an important mechanism for accountability of the holders of public office.

The Parliament elects the President and can recall the President.

But the constituents who elect the MP cannot recall the MP.

The Right of Recall by electors of their MP by a process that can be initiated by them is important to ensure that they are effectively and efficiently represented by their elected Representatives.

The politicians (Parliamentary Representatives) have given themselves the Right to Recall the President who they elect.

But they deny the electors (citizens) who elect them the Right to Recall their MPs who they elect.

During the largest Constitution Reform Consultation since Independence in 2014-15 almost every single participant supported the proposal to include the Right of Recall of MPs by electors in the Constitution.

But the politicians failed to deliver the Right of Recall to the electors.

Citizens, as electors, must demand the Right of Recall of MPs as your check and balance to ensure proper representation!

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Electoral and Political Processes

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