

SHRINKING MUSLIMS FROM THE LANDSCAPE OF INDIAN DEMOCRACY

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ABSTRACT

At one hand, Muslim population is increasing in India on the other hand their political presence is decreasing in Indian Parliament. Muslims have always been underrepresented here, but they are now at a 50-year low. In modern days, democracy means majority rule with minority rights. Right of equal representation is one of the most important political rights for any democracy in the world. When it comes to Indian democracy, equal political participation of Indian Muslims has always been a matter of debate. In this paper, I tried to find out what are the root causes of declining the political representation of Muslims from Indian Parliament and Assemblies. I also include various impacts of poor political participation on Muslim community as well as on Indian democratic society. I have used comparative study method for my research paper which not only help me to find causes and impacts of poor political representation but also throw a light to take corrective measures. I concluded my study on a note that how Indian government can increase their political representation in order to create a successful democratic society.

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