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## SOME ASPECTS OF NON-VOTING ATTITUDE IN WALVA TALUKA OF MAHARASTRA

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### Abstract:

*Right to vote and the exercise of this franchise by eligible citizens is the pulse of every democracy. And India, the largest democracy of the world, holds this right as the most precious attribute of the Indian Parliamentary democracy. Keeping this in view, in Indian constitution; provisions are enacted regarding structure, powers and functions of the Election commission.*

### KEYWORDS:

Voting, Elections, Peoples.

### INTRODUCTION

A vote is an individuals act of voting, by which he or she expresses support or preference for a certain motion, a certain candidate, a political party. With a secret ballot to protect voter's political privacy, voting generally takes place at polling station. The act of voting is Voluntary in some countries, whereas some countries such as Argentina, Australia, Belgium and Brazil have compulsory voting systems.

Voting is a method for a group such as a meeting or an electorate to make a decision or express an opinion often following discussions, debates or election campaigns. It is often found in democracies and republics.

### 2.0 NEED FOR THE STUDY

Voting is one of the important social right of every individual in the country. It is a soul of democracy. Through election process representatives are electing for the nations development. But during elections number of individuals are not casting their votes and that affecting on social as well as national development, so, researcher would like to findout the reasons for non-voting through this research study.

### 3.0 STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

There is a great stigma on the process of election regarding the malpractices like corruption practiced by political parties, and its candidates. The proffered 'Code of Conduct' is also not enough to stop all such malpractices. There has been a trend of decreasing voter turnout in most democracies since the 1960. Low voting rate is often considered as undesirable the cause for this includes the array from economic, demographic, cultural, technological, and institution, etc. the developing nonvoting attitude of the citizens of this democratic country acts as obstacle in the real meaning of the concept of democracy. The investment of the money by the Government is becoming fruitless and the hard works taken by the Election Commission is all in vein.

The general election held by the election commission for 14th loksabha in the year of 2004 for

shows the ratio of voting 54.38%. In the year of 1999 general election for 13th loksabha were held by the election commission shows the ratio of voting 60.96% and the ratio of voting for 12th loksabha in the year of 1998 was 57.11% and for the election of 11th loksabha the ratio was 52.45%.

Same problem is observed with the elections held for state Legislative assembly. The ratio of vote was 63.44%. This average decrease in the ratio of the votes is a signal of apatheticness of the people regarding the government as well as the democratic system of India.

#### 4.0 OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The main objectives of the study are as follows :

- 1) To know the reason of avoiding the Right of Voting
- 2) To study the attitude of people towards the election.
- 3) To study about people expectations by the political parties.
- 4) To find out the peoples attitude towards non-voting.

#### 5.0 SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The geographical scope of study involves all villages of Walva Vidhansabha Matdar Sangh. The analytical scope of the research focuses on the the reasons related with the abuse of people regarding the right of vote. The functional scope of the study will enable the Election Commission, political parties to develop the strategy for growth in voting rate. The topical scope is limited to condition knowledge of "A Study on Non-voting Attitude of people In Walva Taluka"

#### 6.0 METHODOLOGY

##### (i) UNIVERSE OF THE STUDY :

The universe of the study will cover all the members of community members, which will includes a regular voter and non voter also of Walva taluka. As the trend of declining voting rate is observed to be very high in this taluka, it is selected for detailed study.

##### (ii) SAMPLING TECHNIQUES :

Initially to obtain the list of non-voters, the researcher visited the election office in Sangli. As the list was not readily available, the researcher had to select the respondents by directly visiting the people in Walva taluka. There were voters and non-voters staying in the taluka. So, the researcher selected only those people who said that they did not cast their vote, as the respondents. Those who said that they have voted at least one in the election, were not included in the sample. Thus, the method of sampling used in the study is snowball sampling method. In all 200 respondents were selected for the study.

##### (iii) SOURCES OF DATA COLLECTION

In the present study researcher was used following tools for data collection.

##### (a) Primary Data

A pretested Interview schedule was used as tool for Primary data collection. Observation method and Group discussion was also used.

##### (b) Secondary Data

The secondary data was collected from Govt. offices, books, magazines, projects, relevant sites available on the Internet. The secondary data was used to understand the extent of the non-voting problem in other countries and states.

#### 7.0 ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF DATA

After collection of data researcher has prepared code book and master sheet code and tabulated with the help of master chart. Coding is the process of assigning numbers to the various responses in the schedule. So as to the facilitate classification and tabulation of data with the help of master chart simple tables, frequency and simple percentage of each table is calculated to obtain support for generalizations of variables. Through this data was put in the table form.

### 8.0 FINDINGS

- 1) 29.5% non-voter respondents are not voting in the area of Local Govt. and same per cent of non-voter respondents are not voting in elections.
- 2) It is clear that none of the non-voter respondents said what is real influencing factor for non voting because majority 57% of respondents said only Other Factors are influencing for non-voting.
- 3) It is seen that majority i.e. 58% non voter respondents said that due to personal cause they are not voting in elections.
- 4) Majority i.e. 54% of respondents are said that previous promises are not fulfilled by the elected candidates. That is why people are changing their attitude towards voting.
- 5) Majority of non-voter respondents i.e.55.5% are not voted in election because of unsatisfactory history of candidates.
- 6) It is found that majority i.e.68% of non-voter respondents are not satisfied with existing system of politics. So they strongly agree that there is a need to change in political system because of which voting percentage may increase.
- 7) Majority i.e. 67% of non voter respondents are said that Any Other party related problem are responsible for developing of such type of non-voting attitude.
- 8) Majority i.e. 85% of non voter respondents said that relevance of public policies are the cause for non-voting attitude.
- 9) It shows that most i.e. 40.5% of non voter respondents can't say whether non-voting attitude is leading to omitting of social duty.
- 10) The analysis also indicates that most of i.e. 49.5% non-voter respondents did not say whether non-voting attitude affects on family members and friend circle or not.

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