

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**QUESTION NO 21.12.2009**

**ANSWERED ON**

**RESTRICTION ON REGIONAL PARTIES TO CONTEST ELECTIONS .**

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SHRI R.C. SINGH

Will the Minister of COALCOALLAW & JUSTICE be pleased to state :-

(a) whether it is a fact that a PIL was filed in the Supreme Court with a request to issue a Writ of Mandamus and direct the Central Government to pass a law and allow only national parties to contest Lok Sabha elections and regional parties be allowed to contest State elections;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any view has been taken by Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE

(SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOBLY)

(a) to (e): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.