

# **Role of Indian Judicial Activism on Politics Under Inflammable Issue: - “Criminalization of Indian Politics.”**

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Political parties are a central institution of our democracy; “the life blood of the entire constitutional scheme.” Political parties act as a conduit through which interests and issues of the people get represented in Parliament. Since political parties play a central role in the interface between private citizens and public life, they have also been chiefly responsible for the growing criminalisation of politics. Since electoral politics is a combination of several factors, often issues like ethnicity or other markers of the candidate may overcome the reputational loss he suffers from the criminal records.

Further, electoral politics is largely dependent on the money and the funding that it receives. Several studies by economists estimate that candidates and parties in the 2009 general elections alone spent roughly \$3 billion on campaign expenditures. Huge election expenses have also resulted into large-scale pervasiveness of so-called ‘black money’. The Law Commission has earlier also expressed the concern of election expenses being far greater than legal limits. Therefore, campaign funding is one of the most important concerns for political parties.