

# **Regional Parties and Question of Survival of coalitional Politics**

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In the initial years of independence, the citizens of India trusted the national party which was known as 'Congress System' suggested by Rajni Kothari. The Congress was considered to be to improve the destiny of Indian masses as claimed by the first Prime Minister, Nehru. But soon people realized that the congress was not doing a good turn to the citizens of India. So, the people of India turned their back on the congress or national party, and took to regional political parties to cast away poverty, filthiness of their environment and looked forward for clean water, hygienic conditions, healthy and social and economic infrastructure. They also envisioned a corruption less society. So, they put their faith in regional political parties, especially after 1990. Two and half decades are on, we do not see much improvement in the life of local citizens. The problem is that these regional parties have also taken power from the national political parties in the name of some kind of community syndrome, whether it is in the name of culture, sons of the soil, language, religion or natives. According to Ashutosh Varshney "noneconomic interests defined in ethnic, caste, and religious ways - are now blocking the economic construction of rural interests. These identities, moreover, are unlikely to be subdued by the economic thrust of the farmers' movement and politics".