

ABSTRACT

**ILLEGALITIES AND IRREGULARITIES: THE TIPPING POINTS OF
THE STABILITY OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT**

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It is interesting to note that India being the largest Democracy in the world also faces complex electoral issues in the same proportion. In a diverse country like India, the mandate of the people is also more often diverse and when this diversity is seen in numbers, no political party can hope to get the mandate of the population. It is at this point that the game-changing concept of Coalition Politics comes in. There have been ideal situations in the past where 'Kichdi Politics' has proven to be a masterstroke in the political circuit. Nevertheless, time and again this largely idealistic concept has failed and made a mockery of the democratic setup. Quite ironically, speaking about 'stability', the linchpin of Coalition Politics – Pre-Coalition and Post-Coalition of Parties, both have proved to be unstable entities. Thus, the authors of this paper, through this work, try to highlight the reasons for the instability by analyzing the illegalities such as 'Horse Trading of Legislators' that has become unavoidable in the Coalition Setup besides trying to analyze the irregularities by comparing the 'Prodigious powers granted to The Governor and Speaker' by the Indian Constitution to the powers granted to the same entities by the various legislations of the World. The research paper further attaches itself to this sub-theme by trying to compile precedents and power tussles in Coalition Government formation in the recent past. Thus, the ultimate motive of this work is to assess the stability of Coalition Politics through its illegalities and irregularities along with trying to analyze the validity of a Coalition Government by striking a balance between practicality and morality with an in-depth look into the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution of India.