

Regional Political Parties and Coalition Government of Odisha

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Abstract – The state of Odisha, previously Orissa had had a chequered Political history before its inception as a separate state in the year 1936. The objective of the study is to find out reasons for the emergence of regional political parties in Orissa and to find out different coalitions Governments in Odisha during the period of 1959 to 2009. This study is based on secondary data. The Political history of Orissa after its formation in 1936 was full of hectic politicking which also created an atmosphere of political uncertainty and the germination of coalition government in Orissa. It also paved the way for the formation of a new culture of regional political parties in Orissa. The post Independent Orissa politics has been more interesting and eventful. During the period from 1951-52 to 2014 there has been 23 chiefministers with fourteen Assembly elections. Except the Orissa Assembly election held in 1961, 1977, 1980, 1985, 1995 and 2009 in other elections no party secured absolute majority. The coalition government were formed in Odisha in 1959, 1967, 1971, 2000 and 2004. It is significant and pertinent that the first coalition government, formed in the state was of the congress and Ganatantra Parisada in 1959, the second of the Swatantra-Jana Congress in 1967, the third of the Swatantra, Utkal Congress and Jharkhand in 1971, and the Biju Janata Dal and the BJP in 2000 and 2004.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Regional Political parties play important role as dynamics of Indian politics today. Political instability and consequence of coalition politics constate important ingredients of political culture of Orissa. The Assembly election in Orissa held in 1961, 1977, 1980, 1985, 1990 and 1995 were critical ones and verdict of the people apparently swept off by strong wave's that ensured absolute majority in the assembly for political party in each election. Apart from the above in no other elections since 1952 did a political party win absolute majority in the Assembly. As a result, explicit or implicit coalition became inevitable. Coalition culture and growth of regional parties are very important in the context of state politics specially in Orissa of different points of time since India's independence and beginning of its democratic era.

2. OBJECTIVE

1. To find out reasons for the emergence of regional political parties in Orissa.
2. To find out different coalition government in Orissa during the period of 1959 to 2009.
3. To find out political instability during the period of coalition government of Orissa.

3. GROWTH OF REGIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES AND COALITION GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA

The growing presence of regional political parties is undoubtedly, the most outstanding aspect of political developments in India over the years. Similarly, regional parties with strong social and emotional bases in their communities and religions have been a significant feature of Indian politics since Independence. Against this background, the study of regional parties in Orissa seems to be relevant and germane to the understanding of the dynamics of Indian politics today.

3.1 The Ganatantra Parishad

The natural outcome of the above matter was the birth of the first regional political party of Orissa named 'Ganatantra Parishad' under the leadership of two powerful ex-rulers; R.N. Singh Deo of Bolangir-Patna and P.K. Deo of Kalahandi. It was initially known as "KoshalaUtkalPrajaParishad" of 1948 with its headquarters at Sambalpur which was later rechristened as 'Ganatantra Parishad' in 1950, a full-fledged state-based party.¹

The birth and growth of the Ganatantra Parishad, the first regional party in Orissa, has been a remarkable one. So far as its successful electoral performance is concerned in all the three-general elections of 1952, 1957 and 1961. It was not only

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Finally, we record the findings of the study with suggestions and recommendations that may hopefully help in redressing the woes.

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