

EC WANTS PEOPLE TO RUN FROM ONE SEAT

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Reviving a nearly two-decade-old proposal, the Election Commission has made a fresh push for amending law to bar people from contesting from more than one seat and has said that if it cannot be done, then a hefty fine should be imposed on those vacating one of the constituencies and forcing a bypoll.

In a recent interaction with the Legislative Secretary in the Law Ministry, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar made this push for the reform first proposed in 2004. As electoral law stands today, a candidate is permitted to contest an election from two different constituencies in an election.

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