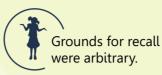
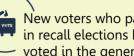
ISSUES WITH RTR AT LOCAL LEVEL

RTR in MP (RTR is operational for the past 16 years) revealed functional problems



Signature verification procedure by the district collector was unsatisfactory



New voters who participated in recall elections had not voted in the general elections

Overall, mixed impressions about the impact of the reform in MP.



Since 2000, 33 recall elections held at the municipal level in the state, incumbent was recalled in 17 instances and not recalled in 16

2011

POSSIBLE CHALLENGES WITH RTR AT STATE and NATIONAL LEVEL

De-stabilise- Former CEC S.Y. Quraishi is not in favour - it will "destabilise" the country as whereever there is discontent, people will start recalling,

PROVISIONS FOR RTR AT MUNICIPAL LEVEL IN INDIA

Election fatigue- by recalling/rejecting the candidates and having another election may cause cause election fatigue & lower voter turnout.

Political tool-It could be misused especially in places such as Kashmir and North-Eastern states

WAY FORWARD

There is a need to evolve a unique model suitable to our needs, by learning from the rich experience at the local level, which does not threaten the political stability



RTR can be introduced with adequate safeguards. For ex-a proposal for RTR would be initiated only after two years of election etc.

PRADESH 2000 MADHLA Section 24 of the Madya Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, 1956 and Section 47 of the Madhya Pradesh Municipalities Act, 1961,

> BIHAR Section 17 of Bihar Municipal

Act, 2007

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Soruce: Author's compilation based on data from state election commissions.



Right To Reca LEGISLATORS



WHY TO GO FOR RTR?

Recall is a process whereby the electorate has the

power to remove the elected officials before

the expiry of their term

Enhance vertical accountability-At present, no recourse for the electorate if they are unhappy with their elected representative.



Decrease role of Money power - morally skewed candidates would weigh the risk of being recalled



International experience- in place in Canada's Legislative Assembly of British Columbia since 1995. In US, some states allow on specific grounds such as misconduct or malfeasance.

Logic and justice - Like election, people should also have the power to remove the representatives

