

National Judicial Academy

P-998: Annual Conference on the Application of Election Laws
5th-6th November, 2016

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No of Participants : 15

No of Evaluation Forms : 14

I. Overall				
PROPOSITIONS	To a great extent	To some extent	Not at all	Remarks
a. The objective of the Program was clear to me	80.00	20.00	-	-
b. The subject matter of the program is useful and relevant to my work	60.00	40.00	-	-
c. Overall, I got benefited from attending this program	57.14	42.86	-	-
d. I will use the new learning, skills, ideas and knowledge in my work	60.00	40.00	-	-
e. Adequate time and opportunity was provided to participants to share experiences	78.57	21.43	-	-
II. Knowledge				
PROPOSITIONS	To a great extent	To some extent	Not at all	Remarks
a. Useful to my work	46.67	53.33	-	-
b. Comprehensive (relevant case laws, national laws, leading text / articles / comments by jurists)	53.33	46.67	-	-
c. Up to date	64.29	35.71	-	-
d. Related to Constitutional Vision of Justice	57.14	42.86	-	-
e. Related to international Legal Norms	18.18	45.45	36.36	-
III Structure of the Programme				
PROPOSITIONS	To a great extent	To some extent	Not at all	Remarks
a. The structure and sequence of the program was logical	46.67	53.33	-	-
b. The program was an adequate combination of the following methodologies viz.				
i. Interactive sessions were fruitful	60.00	40.00	-	-

ii.	Audio Visual Aids were beneficial	50.00	50.00	-	-
iii.	Case Studies were relevant	27.27	63.64	9.09	-

IV Individual Sessions

PROPOSITIONS	To a great extent	To some extent	Not at all	Remarks
a. Discussions in individual sessions were effectively organized	73.33	26.67	-	-
b. The session theme was adequately addressed by the Resource Persons	80.00	20.00	-	-

V Programme Materials

PROPOSITIONS	To a great extent	To some extent	Not at all	Remarks
a. The Program material is useful and relevant	85.71	14.29	-	-
b. The content was updated. It reflected recent case laws/current thinking/ research/ policy in the discussed area	69.23	30.77	-	-
c. The content was organized and easy to follow	71.43	28.57	-	-

VI. GENERAL SUGGESTIONS

a. Three most important learning achievements of this Programme	<p>1. 1. Good insight into working of Election Commission of India; 2. Much more of electoral reforms are yet to be done through legislative exercises; 3. Implementation of reforms in agencies concerned.</p> <p>2. It will bring attitudinal changes and also in my outlook and perception with regard to the subject covered in this programme and will give very good background while dealing with such type of cases.</p> <p>3. The reasons assigned for electoral reforms.</p> <p>4. 1. Some insight about the application of Election Laws & their weaknesses; 2. Difficulties of Election Commission of India in ensuring fair & free elections; 3. A lot is required to be done to improve the Electoral System.</p> <p>5. Role of Election Commission and Its scope for conducting election.</p> <p>6. Ills facing the electoral system; 2. Where does the genesis of all this lie.</p> <p>7. 1. Insight into the Election Commission working; 2. Problems of democracy; 3. Possible solutions to electoral ill.</p> <p>8. Understand the electoral process from the Managers.</p> <p>9. A worthy and useful participatory learning process.</p> <p>10. Session 3: Pervasive Role of Money Power in Election & Measures taken by Election Commission of India.</p>
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	<p>11. Election procedure; role of Election Commission; The role of money in the Elections.</p> <p>12. 1. Learned more facts; 2. Acquired more knowledge; 3. Understood modern developments in Election Law.</p> <p>13. 1. Shared the experience of the experts on many points for future use or references; 2. The citations given for the different points may be of use; 3. The exchange of views also enhanced my knowledge on the subject.</p> <p>14. 1. Hand bag provided is of lowest quality, some other mode be adopted; So far programme it is excellent, you cannot get better resource personnel than this; 3. Continue with it. Let us involve District Judges also in the matter dealing with criminal cases belonging to politicians.</p>
<p>b. Which part of the Programme did you find most useful and why</p>	<p>1. Interactive session by Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan; Anecdotal speech of Mr. S.Y. Quraishi Ex-CEC; Great moderation by Director, Justice G. Raghuram.</p> <p>2. The entire programme.</p> <p>3. Participants did not comment.</p> <p>4. Session 2: <i>The Election Commission – Supervisory and Regulatory Jurisdiction-Scope and Limits</i> was most useful. In this session we came to realize the scope and limits of Election Commission of India.</p> <p>5. Free and fair elections. Constitutional and statutory bases. Evolution through precedents.</p> <p>6. General discussion</p> <p>7. Interaction with Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan.</p> <p>8. Participants did not comment.</p> <p>9. A worthy and useful participatory learning process.</p> <p>10. Session 4: <i>Criminalization of Politics - Implications for Democracy and Governance.</i></p> <p>11. Election Law.</p> <p>12. All Programmes.</p> <p>13. The procedural part: As it may be of use in dealing with such cases if it comes before me.</p> <p>14. All Sessions being highly useful cannot be segregated.</p>
<p>c. Which part of the Programme did you find least useful and why</p>	<p>1. None</p> <p>2. All the part of the programme in quite interesting and useful.</p> <p>3. Participants did not comment.</p> <p>4. None</p> <p>5. Judicial contribution to Electoral Reform – There should be suggestion as to what is to be proposed. Electoral reforms should be taken to debar a candidate charged with offence.</p> <p>6. Participants did not comment.</p> <p>7. Participants did not comment.</p> <p>8. Participants did not comment.</p>

	<p>9. A worthy and useful participatory learning process.</p> <p>10. Session 5: Six and a Half Decades of Electoral Reform – Event Manager to Effective Monitor.</p> <p>11. Participants did not comment.</p> <p>12. Nil</p> <p>13. The suggestions for the amendments in EL-Act may not be useful. As the judges are not part of the agency entrusted to make the amendments.</p> <p>14. All Sessions being highly useful cannot be suggested.</p>
<p>d. Kindly make any suggestions you may have on how NJA may serve you better and make its programmes more effective</p>	<p>1. Topic may be discussed through the decided case by SC/HCs. They may give more specific assistance for future working of Judge; 2. Name plates for all participating judges should also be prepared at the beginning of conference.</p> <p>2. Please send the study/course/ seminar/ conference materials well in advance to the residence/ official address of the participants.</p> <p>3. Satisfactory</p> <p>4. Improve the interactive session & make it necessary for participating judges to give their intake and take away views.</p> <p>5. Participants did not comment.</p> <p>6. Participants did not comment.</p> <p>7. Need to increase the participation – more judges from more High Courts.</p> <p>8. Adjudication entire session should be included. For example when we deal with Election Laws, there ought to have been at least one session on election petitions.</p> <p>9. Participants did not comment.</p> <p>10. Participants did not comment.</p> <p>11. Participants did not comment.</p> <p>12. More programme necessary in future for all judges.</p> <p>13. Course or conference may be designed in such a manner that it may be more useful in the day to day work of a judge on the “subject” of the conference.</p> <p>14. Participants did not comment.</p>