

**IPFDB****Indian Parliamentarians' Forum for Democracy in Burma**

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MP,LS (NCP)  
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Sharad Joshi  
MP,RS (SBP)  
*Convener*

We, Indian Members of Parliament are disappointed to learn the recently announced electoral laws by the military government relating to the elections to be held in Burma in 2010.

B.S.Gnanadesikan  
MP, RS (INC)  
*Co-Convener*

The junta authorities of Burma had repeatedly promised democracy and free and fair elections according to their plan. A constitution with popular mandate and an election are basic for democracy provided that the constitution reflects the people's desire and an election was held in accordance with democratic principles.

Abani Roy  
MP,RS (RSP)

The electoral laws enacted on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010 are extremely undemocratic. The laws deliberately bar Aung San Suu Kyi and all key political prisoners from participating in the elections.

Ram Jethmalani  
MP, RS  
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According to these laws, no political party can be formed if it has links with any person in prison or serving a jail term. The parties have to fall in line with the 2008 constitution and sign to indicate the acceptance.

Tarlochan Singh  
MP, RS (Ind.)

It means the National League for Democracy (NLD) has to disassociate itself with Aung San Suu Kyi as its leader, if not NLD will not qualify for registering as a political party. Without her participation there will be no inclusive and credible elections as the United Nations Secretary General and international community suggested.

Syed Azeez Pasha  
MP, RS (CPI)

O.T. Lepcha  
MP, RS (SDF)

We have expressed our disapproval of the constitution of 2008 in Burma because the genuine peoples' representatives were not allowed to contribute in the drafting process and the referendum was a sham.

Dr.Barun  
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MP, RS (AIFB)

We don't believe the election held under these laws meet any democratic standard. That kind of elections will not resolve the problems of Burma. We are worried of continued instabilities in our neighboring country.


Thomas A  
Sangma  
MP, RS (NCP)

We strongly urge the Burmese junta to release the genuine democratic leader of Burma, Aung San Suu Kyi and begin dialogue with her and other legitimate representatives of ethnic groups towards national reconciliation before the elections.

Brij Bushan  
Tiwari  
MP,RS (SP)

We also recommend government of India to aggressively work with the Secretary General of the United Nations who called for the unconditional release of Aung San Suu Kyi and the national reconciliation in Burma.

J.D.Seelam  
MP, RS (INC)

  
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