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## Bihar Lok Sabha Elections Phase 5 | Bihar | 21 May 2024

### Why in News?

Bihar witnessed a **voter turnout of 52.35%** in five [Lok Sabha](#) constituencies that voted in the **fifth phase of general elections**.

### Key Points

- According to [the Election Commission](#), 55.30% of voters have exercised their franchise in **Muzaffarpur**, 53.81% in **Hajipur**, 53.13% in **Sitamarhi**, 50.46% in **Saran** and 49.01% in **Madhubani**.
- More than 95 lakh voters in these five seats will decide the electoral fate of 80 candidates at 9,436 polling stations.
  - Out of these voters, 45.11 lakh are women, 21 lakh are under 29 years of age and 1.26 lakh are in the age group of 18-19 years.

### Lok Sabha (House of the People)

- It is the lower house (first house or popular house) and represents the people of India as a whole.
- **Composition:** The maximum number of Lok Sabha members has been fixed at 550, out of which 530 members are representatives of the States and 20 members are representatives of the Union Territories.
  - Presently the Lok Sabha has 543 members, out of which 530 members represent the states and 13 represent the Union Territories.
  - Earlier, the President had also nominated two members of the Anglo-Indian community, but by the 95th Amendment Act, 2009, this provision was valid only till 2020.
- **Election of Representatives:** Representatives of the states are directly elected by the people of the territorial constituencies of the states.
  - According to the Union Territories (Direct Election to the House of the People) Act, 1965, members of the Lok Sabha are directly elected in Union Territories.
- **Function:** One of the most important functions of the Lok Sabha is to select the executive, a group of individuals who work together to implement the laws made by the Parliament.
  - When we use the word government the executive often comes to our mind.