



Disqualification Under Anti-Defection Law

Why in News?

Recently, the **Jharkhand Assembly Speaker disqualified two legislators** under the [Anti-Defection Law](#).

Key Points

- Both the legislators have been found guilty of defection under the [10th Schedule of the Constitution](#).
- Anti-Defection Law
 - The anti-defection law punishes **individual Members of Parliament (MPs)/Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs)** for leaving one party for another.
 - Parliament added it to the Constitution as the **Tenth Schedule in 1985** in order to bring **stability to governments by discouraging legislators** from changing parties.
 - **The Tenth Schedule** - popularly known as the **Anti-Defection Act** - was included in the Constitution via the **52nd Amendment Act, 1985**.
 - It sets the provisions for the **disqualification of elected members** on the grounds of defection to another political party.
 - It was a response to the toppling of multiple state governments by party-hopping MLAs after the general elections of 1967.

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