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Ensuring the Representation of Muslims

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In the current political climate, the representation of Muslims in India is facing several challenges. This is particularly evident in the Lok Sabha elections where Muslims have historically faced obstacles in securing representation.

For instance, in 2009, only one Muslim candidate won out of four Muslim candidates fielded by different political parties. The representation of Muslims in the state assembly elections also reflects similar trends. Muslim candidates have been disproportionately disadvantaged, with some regions seeing none at all.

One of the key challenges is the decline in the number of Muslim candidates over the past decade. This decline is equally noted in the state of Uttar Pradesh and in other parts of India. The political parties of India have not adequately addressed this issue.

The decline in the number of Muslim candidates is significant. Since 2009, the number of Muslim candidates has decreased, negatively impacting the representation of Muslims in the political process.

Therefore, it is crucial for political parties to redress this imbalance. Muslim candidates need opportunities to participate in the electoral process and have their voices heard. This requires political parties to be more inclusive and ensure that Muslim candidates are not overlooked.

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The text is a call to action for political parties to ensure equal representation of Muslims in the political process. It highlights the need for greater inclusivity and equal opportunities for Muslim candidates to participate in the electoral process.