**RATING THE GOVERNMENTS**

At the national level, the news is not good for UPA-II. It does not have much to celebrate at the State level either.

**Theme: PERFORMANCE AT THE CENTRE AND THE STATES**

In the last two decades, State-level politics has become the principal arena of political contestation. Overall outcomes at national level cannot be understood without going through the state-by-state dynamics. The core of political choices, party affiliations, major issues and the political orientation of the administration are all determined at the State level. In 1990s, national mandates had looked nothing but the faint semblance of State-level verdicts. But in the last two elections, especially in 2009, the political mandate shifted again. In order to understand the national mood, therefore, we need to separate the performance of the Central government and State governments.

At the national level, the news still emerges from the CNN-IBN & CNCBVY-18 State of the Nation Poll, conducted by the Centre for the Study of Development Challenges (CSDC). The Khind, but not very good for UPA-II. More people are dissatisfied with its functioning than those who are satisfied during the last seven years. Popular opinion is evenly split whether the United Progressive Alliance should continue or not. This was not the case even in 2009, as seen from the National Democratic Alliance in 2004. When asked to compare UPA-I with UPA-II, the popular verdict is decisively against the central government, even among UPA voters. The level of alienation from the government is highest among the urbanites, the young and those who are more educated. At the State level picture is mixed. Though the public has not shown much desire to characterize the state as ‘bad’, four of the five top-rated States are run by the Bharatiya Janata Party and its allies, while the Congress and its allies figure quite clearly in the list of States at the bottom. The present report of the NDA leaders in the State of the Nation poll is not clear cut. Some individuals like Nitish Kumar, Raman Singh, Prithviraj Chavan and Mamata Banerjee have very high ratings. In N. Kiran Kumar Reddy the Congress has the only Chief Minister who gets more negative than positive rating. His rival V.耶晔o. Jaganarnath Reddy enjoys a good deal of popular sympathy.

The performance of a given State government closely follows the personal rating of the Chief Minister concerned - except that the Congress does better in the States of UPAUSAGE, Pranab, and Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. However, no one appears to be the current leader, while the National Samajwadi Party government, both the Congress and the Samajwadi Party. In Uttar Pradesh, nothing has changed, but the current leader is the Samajwadi party. In Pratishtha, the same Samajwadi Party government is consistently rated higher. On the other hand, the current leader, Shri Babu Ram Rawat, has not shown that he is the best. In Uttar Pradesh, the state government has not been rated highly in both parts of the State.

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**UPTA-I BETTER THAN UPA-I**

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**INCUMBENTS HIT IN ELECTION-BOUND STATES**

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**SHEILA DIKSHIT’S POPULARITY DOWN**

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**ON THE SRIKRISHNA COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

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