



Weekly Seminar: Politics and Governance: Some observations based on a primary data set

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Abstract:

Overcoming `elite capture is considered as the major challenge in making governance effective in third world countries. However this paper identifies the challenges to improve governance in a context where the problem of elite capture has been avoided, by and large, through the participation of people and political mobilization. In this context, the elected representatives tend to function as `dealers to ease the provision of `private goods or `transfer payments to the citizens. This gives a disincentive to the elected representatives to move towards a `public goods oriented governance system. This framework is used here to explain the slow pace of implementation of e-governance and improvement in service delivery in the local governments of Kerala, India.