

POLITICS OF DEFECTION IN ODISHA

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ABSTRACT

The term defection in politics means desertion or abandonment or running away from a political party and joining another party. It can also be regarded as the change of a political party or group, shifting of loyalty or allegiance from one party or group to another. After the fourth General Elections, several different terms like crossing or changing of floor, carpet crossing, political trun-coatism, the politics of musical chairs, the politics of opportunism, the politics of defection etc. have been used to describe the phenomenon of legislators changing their political party affiliations in large numbers. Some political analysts elucidate it as the politics of deviation, politics of instability, the politics of confusion or the politics of transition.

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