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2. **Disqualification on ground of defection.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5, a member of a House belonging to any political party shall be disqualified for being a member of the House—

- (a) if he has voluntarily given up his membership of such political party; or
- (b) if he votes or abstains from voting in such House contrary to any direction issued by the political party to which he belongs or by any person or authority authorised by it in this behalf, without obtaining, in either case, the prior permission of such political party, person or authority and such voting or abstention has not been condoned by such political party, person or authority within fifteen days from the date of such voting or abstention.

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Article 46 Tenure of Office of Members:

(2) The seat of a Member of Parliament shall become vacant

- (b) if he ceases to be a member of, or is expelled or resigns from, the political party for which he stood in the election;

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70. Vacation of seat on resignation, etc.

(1) A person elected as a Member of Parliament at an election at which he was nominated as a candidate by a political party shall vacate his seat if he resigns from that party or votes in Parliament against the party.

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