

English translation:

A big obstacle in the way of development in our country is the political atmosphere of the country. In our country... even though we are in a democracy, democracy has often faced obstacles in its way. Martial law, emergency: these things are putting impediments in the way of the political process. On account of these impediments, the political system... our country is not seeing good governance. From the outside, or apparently, our country has a political [sic] government... political government. There is democracy. We have a parliament. Three hundred representatives are elected to parliament. Forty-five more female Members of Parliament (MPs) are elected to the reserved seats. The cabinet is formed out of these [members of parliament]. The person who heads the cabinet is the prime minister. There are some other ministers [in the cabinet]. We have a president. The president does not have real powers. But s/he is the president – the titular head. In our political system ... we have elections every four or five years. So, five years after an election... if we had had several such elections, the political system would have gotten rooted, or stronger. It would have been deep-rooted, but after two or three... three assemblies (assembly elections), the army took over. This caused an impediment in the path of democracy. A new coalition will now occur. A new political party may be formed; then there will be an election. In this way, our political system has not developed, and far too many political strikes are called in order to get people's political demands met. This causes obstacles in the way of... the economy of the country.

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