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There are no material changes introduced in the election law of India. However, due to concern for the rising cost of election expenditure to the candidates and the consequent deleterious effect (National Institute of Public Finance and Policy Report, *Aspects of the Black Economy in India* 295 (1985)), as stated by the Chief Election Commissioner, state funding of election expenditure has been under consideration by the Government. On August 4, 2003, the Union Government of India decided that it is appropriate that the same be accordingly funded (The Hindu, August 4, 2003.). A draft legislation to this effect is likely to come up for consideration of the Parliament of India.