Instructions for replication:

The file titled 'Replication – Main Analysis.dta' contains the required variables to replicate the main tables. The file titled 'Replication – Balancing Analysis.dta' contains variables to produce balancing test results. The do file titled 'RUP Replication.do' provides the code to reproduce tables.

The data used in this paper is taken from the constituency level data provided by the Election Commission of India.

List of variables and their descriptions for File 'Replication – Main Analysis.dta'

ac – Constituency identifier.

recontest – whether the candidate has recontested in election 't+1' or not.

winning – whether the candidate won in the next election or not.

mv – Margin of Victory, the running variable.

major_m – whether candidate belongs to a major party or not.

ind – whether candidate contested as an independent or not.

nonmajor_major: equals '2' if a non-major party is placed second and a major party candidate is placed as third in election 't'.

nonmajor_nonmajor: equals '2' if both runner-up and third-placed candidates are from a non-major party in election 't'.

major_major: equals '2' if both runner-up and third-placed candidates are from a major party in election 't'.

major_nonmajor: equals '2' if a major party is placed second and a non-major party candidate is placed as third in election 't'.

major_m5perc - Defining major party using 5% for seats won, =1 for major party.

major_m10perc - Defining major party using 10% for seats won, =1 for major party.

major_toptwo - Defining a party as major if it has won top two positions in an election and wins atleast 10% of the seats, =1 for major party.

major_topfour - Defining a party as major if it has won top four positions in an election and wins atleast 10% of the seats, =1 for major party.

major_inc - Defining a party as major if its INC or BJP, =1 for major party.

party_order_yearm - Order of this particular Party in an election based on winners

List of variables and their description for File 'Replication – Balancing Analysis.dta':

recontested – whether the candidate has recontested in election t-1 or not i.e. in the previous election.

winning – whether the candidate has won in election t-1 or not i.e. in the previous election.

votes_margin_m – vote share secured by the candidate in the previous election.

major_party - whether contested from a major party at election t-1.

mv_balancing - – Margin of Victory, the running variable.

ed - Candidate education from affidavit.

num_crim - Number of open charges listed on affidavit.

adr_major_crime - 1=Candidate charged with at least one major crime (ADR definition).

major_u - whether contested from a major party in election t i.e. the current election.

ind – whether candidate contested as an independent or not.