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Who should be next president of India? This question remained open from the day the Honorable President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was elected. President Kalam's term will expire on 25 July 2007. Thus an election is due for electing a new President. Incidentally, the qualifications required to become the President of India are :

- (a) Candidate should be a citizen of India;
- (b) Should have completed the age of 35 years; and
- (c) Should be qualified for election as a member of Lok Sabha.

Besides these three, the other related requirements like :

- (d) Candidate shall not hold any office of profit
- (e) Nomination paper subscribed by at least 50 electors as proposers and at least 50 electors as seconders.
- (f) Security deposit . . . Rs.15,000/-
- (g) entry in the electoral roll for the Parliamentary constituency

Well I am not keen to address these, nor the one's listed below :

- (i) Speaking - on the "qualifications" required to become the President of India; or
- (ii) Exploring - what is common in all political parties, that they do not want Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam a second term while the people, who elected them, think other wise; or
- (iii) Proving - that one or just two bosses of each political party play their game and all others have compulsion to remain silent and call themselves as "obedient soldier".
- (iv) Refuting - that the word "opposition" means "oppose" each and every issue, does not matter what harm it would inflict to the nation?
- (v) Asserting - the definition : **"Politics is the process by which groups of people make decisions."** The Greek philosopher Aristotle (384-322BC) in his book "Politics", asserted that man is, by nature, a political animal; Plato and Aristotle did not exclude scientists, or engineers, academicians, scholars and other intellectuals.

In fact, we started with first few Presidents of India as, Freedom Fighter, Lawyer, Philosopher, Educator, Judge. Later it was all Politician and then again in year 2002 a Scientist, Engineer. (ref. URL http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/President_of_India).

I may add many more, but then I am no expert to give answer to these, better do a bit of "internet surfing", read carefully, you get all answers - the general public give every moment. You would be surprised to see that not any one member of parliament who is named as the probable Presidential candidate has earned any appreciation of general public while the list is fairly large. Rather people expressed gratitude to wards individuals like, Prof MS Swaminathan (plant geneticist, scientist), NR Narayanmurthy (Founder of Infosy) but would not qualify because : of the qualification requirement mentioned at s.no. (e) "nomination paper . . . subscribed by at least 50 electors as proposers and at least 50 electors as seconders. . . .". It is true even for the honorable President APJ Abdul Kalam while general public wants him to continue for the second term but not the . . . ?. By doing straight talk, I have no intention to hurt or offend or belied any body, any institution or system, but it is a reality that need to be addressed.

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