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About Vladimir Putin (Russian Election)

Vladimir Putin was the Prime Minister of Russia (9 August 1999 – 7 May 2000) when the President of Russia Boris Yeltsin resigned (on Dec 31, 1999) from the post. Mr. Putin was chosen as by Mr. Yeltsin as successor and hence Mr. Putin became acting president (Dec 9, 1999 – May 7, 2000).



Mr. Putin won the presidential election in May 2000 and again re-elected in 2004 for the post. As per constitution of Russia, A person can not go for more than 2 consecutive terms for president ship. He thought to swap the post of President with Prime Minister. He became PM (2008-2012) and Dmitry Medvedev became President.

During election on Dec 4th, 2011 for Duma, It has been alleged that high degree of rigging of votes has been taken place. United Russia Party led by Putin had won 64.24% of the popular votes in Dec 2007 Duma election but during Dec, 2011 election it could only win 50% (approx) votes. It shows the decline of the popularity of Mr. Putin and his party. Opposition and agitator alleged that there was high level of rigging in vote and United Russia Party had received less than 50% votes.

Central Election Commission officials said they have received no reports of serious violations but would investigate any formal complaints.

Big agitation took place in Moscow but nothing could happen.

Finally, Putin stood for election of president for 3rd time on Mar 6th, 2012 and he won it in first round. He will assume the office of President on May 7th, 2012.

Western Media has been alleging Putin for continuing in power for long time and not letting others to come. Few people of Russia have similar view but it seems Putin has still support of the mass.