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CENTRE-STATE RELATIONS

Parliament State legislature Union Concurrent State List List List (100)(52)(61)

Parliament can legislate for State List

- ✓ During President's rule
- ✓ During a National Emergency
- √ To implement international agreements
- √ When RS passes resolution by 2/3rd majority
- ✓ When two or more states pass resolution (then those states lose power)

Union list:

- ☐ Rail, Air, Port, Post, Telegraph
- ☐ Banking, Currency, Insurance
- ☐ Stock exchange, Foreign trade
- ☐ Labour/safety in mines/oilfields
- ☐ Fisheries beyond territorial water
- ☐ Tax: Income, Corporation, Capital

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Parliament can make any law for whole or any part of India for implementing international treaties

- (a) with the consent of all the States
- (b) with the consent of the majority of States
- (c) with the consent of the States concerned
- (d) without the consent of any State

Concurrent list:

- Education
- □ Forest, protection of animals
- ☐ Trade Union
- Adulteration
- Population control, family planning
- ☐ Adoption, Succession
- ☐ Transfer of property other than agri land
- Economic and Social Planning

42nd amendment transferred 5 subjects from State list to

Concurrent List:

- (a) Education (b) forests (c) weights & measures
- (d) protection of wild animals and birds
- (e) administration of justice (constituting courts except SC/HC)

Residuary powers: (for matters not in any list, e.g. cyber laws)

- ✓ Centre (India, Canada, Gol Act 1935)
- States (USA, Australia, Objectives Resolution)

State list:

- ☐ Health, Sanitation, Liquor
- ☐ Agri, Tax on agri income
- Animal husbandry, Fisheries
- ☐ Trade & Commerce
- ☐ Capitation tax, Treasure trove
- ☐ Land, Police, Prison
- Local govt

Constitution divides b/w Centre & States:

- ✓ Legislative power
- ✓ Executive power
- ✓ Financial power
- X Judicial power (integrated judiciary)

Predominance of Union law:

Union law prevails over State law in case of conflict/overlap

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Which one of the following is not in the State List under the Constitution of India?

- (a) Fisheries
- (b) Agriculture
- (c) Insurance
- (d) Betting and Gambling

Prelims 2004

With reference to the Constitution of India, which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched?

- (a) Forests: Concurrent List
- (b) Stock Exchanges: Concurrent List
- (c) Post Office Savings Bank: Union List
- (d) Public Health: State List

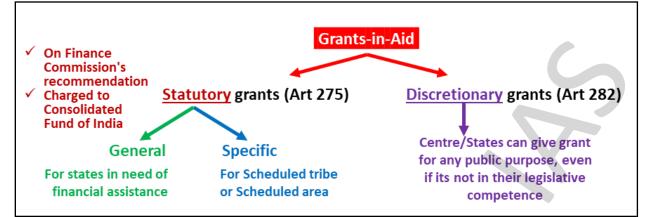
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Borrowing by Centre and States:

- ✓ Centre can borrow from within or outside India, on security of Consolidated Fund of India, but within limit set by Parliament.
- ✓ State can borrow from within India, on security of Consolidated Fund of State.
- ✓ State cannot borrow without Centre's permission, if it still owes Centre money.

Centre-State relations:

1966: First ARC under Morarji Desai followed by K Hanumanthayya

1969: Rajamannar Committee by Tamil Nadu Govt

1973: Anandpur Sahib Resolution by Akali Dal

1977: West Bengal Memorandum by WB govt

1983: Sarkaria Commission for Centre-State relations

2005: Second ARC under Veerappa Moily

2007: Punchhi Commission for Centre-State relations

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Sarkaria Commission has been set up to study

- (a) Centre-State relations
- (b) Inter-State relations
- (c) Financial aid to States
- (d) Splitting of LIC

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For which one of following reforms was a Commission set up under the Chairmanship of Veerappa Moily by the Government of India?

- (a) Police Reforms
- (b) Tax Reforms
- (c) Reforms in Technical Education
- (d) Administrative Reforms

INTER-STATE RELATIONS

	Inter-	State	Council:
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- ☐ Set up u/a 263, but not permanent Constitutional body (think of ECI)
- ☐ Set up by a Presidential order in 1990, on recommendation of Sarkaria Commission
- ☐ To promote coordination, dialogue, etc.
- ☐ All States & Union Territories have representation.
 - From Centre, PM + 6 Cabinet minsters (including HM)

CM/Governor CM/Administrator

Chairperson

Can it discuss some legal controversy b/w governments?

Yes, but its decision is advisory (SC decision u/a 131 is binding)

Inter-State Council Secretariat:

- ☐ Set-up in 1991
- ☐ Headed by a secretary to the Central govt. ☐ Since 2011, also functioning as secretariat
- of Zonal Councils.

Standing Committee:

- □ set-up in 1996
- ☐ Union HM is Chairman
- 5 Union Cabinet ministers
- □ 9 CMs

	ISC	Five Zonal Councils	North-Eastern Council
Type of body	Constitutional (Article 263)	Statutory (States Reorganization Act, 1956)	Statutory (North Eastern Council Act, 1971)
Chairman	PM	Union HM	Union HM
Vice-Chairman		CMs by rotation	MoS in Ministry of DoNER

Prelims 2013:

Which of these bodies do not find mention in Constitution?

- 1. National Development Council
- 2. Planning Commission
- 3. Zonal Councils

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Prelims 1995:

Which of the following are extra-constitutional extra-legal device(s) for securing cooperation and coordination between the States in India?

- 1. National Development Council
- 2. The Governor's Conference
- 3. Zonal Councils
- 4. Inter-State Council

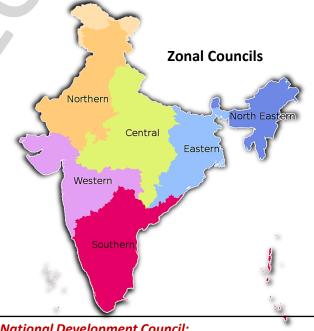
Codes:

(a) 1 and 2

(b) 1, 2 and 3

(c) 3 and 4

(d) 4 only



National Development Council:

- ☐ Neither constitutional nor statutory body
- ☐ First meeting 1952; last 2012
- ☐ Composition similar to NITI's Governing Council
- ☐ No work assigned, no meetings

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EMERGENCY PROVISIONS

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	National Emergency	State Em	ergency	Financial Emergency	
Article	352	35	6	360	
Orders issues by	President				
Parliament's approval	Within a month	Within two months			
If Lok Sabha	30 days from the first si	tting of the Lok Sa	abha after its re	constitution, provided	
dissolved	the Rajya	Sabha has in the	meantime appr	roved it.	
Majority	Special majority		Simple majo	ority	
Duration	Six months	☐ Six months ☐ after 1 year or Emergency an ☐ max 3 years	•	Indefinitely until revoked	
Re-approval	Same	as approval		Not needed	
Revocation	By President anytime Or if LS (not RS) passes resolution By President anytime By President anytime				
How many	1962-68 External	More than			
times	1971-77 External	First in 1951		Never	
times	1975-77 Internal	Never: Chhattisg	arh, Telangana		
Declaration of Emergency can be challenged in Court? Yes					
National Emergency: □ It can continue indefinitely, if re-approved by Parliament every six months. □ It can be limited to specified part of India by President (42 nd Amendment) □ Parliament can extend term of LS/SLAs one year at a time, any number of times □ 44 th Amendment Act 1978: □ It replaced 'internal disturbance' with 'armed rebellion'. □ Prez needs written recommendation from cabinet (not PM) to declare Nat. Emergency. □ State govt are not suspended, but come in complete control of Centre. □ Parliament can make law on state list. If parliament not in session, Prez can issue ordinance. □ President can modify constitutional distribution of revenue between Centre and States.					
State not acting as per Constitution (mentioned in 356) President's Rule: proclaimed u/a 356 on two grounds State fails to comply with any direction from Centre (mentioned in 356)					
President's rule can be imposed if: ✓ Hung assembly after elections ✓ Govt resigns and no other party is able to form govt. ✓ Constitutional direction by Centre is disregarded by State ✓ State govt is acting against the Constitution X Maladministration, corruption, financial exigencies X Governor recommends Prez rule on his own assessment, without allowing govt to prove majority on floor of house					

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Which one of the following Articles of the Indian Constitution provides that it shall be the duty of the Union to protect every State against external aggression and internal disturbance?

(a) Article 215

(b) Article 275

(c) Article 325

(d) Article 355

Article 355 \rightarrow It is duty of Centre to :

- ✓ Protect every state from external aggression and internal disturbance
- ✓ Ensure that State govt act as per Constitution

Prelims 2017

Which of the following are not necessarily the consequences of proclamation of President's rule in a State?

- 1. Dissolution of State Legislative Assembly
- 2. Removal of Council of Ministers in the State
- 3. Dissolution of local bodies Select the correct answer:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Prelims 2006

Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Rajya Sabha alone has the power to declare that it would be in national interest for the Parliament to legislate with respect to a matter in the State List.
- 2. Resolution approving the **Proclamation of** Emergency are passed only by Lok Sabha.

Which of above statements are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Prelims 2018

If the President of India exercises his power as provided under Article 356 of the Constitution in respect of a particular State, then

- a) the Assembly of the State is automatically dissolved
- b) the powers of the Legislature of that State shall be exercisable by or under the authority of the Parliament
- Article 19 is suspended in that State
- d) the President can make laws relating to that State

Prelims 2007

Article 360: when financial stability or credit of India or any part of its territory is threatened

Consider the following statements in respect of financial emergency under Article 360 of the Constitution of India:

- 1. A Proclamation of financial emergency issued shall cease to operate at the expiration of two months, unless before the expiration of that period it has been approved by the resolution of both houses of Parliament.
- 2. If any proclamation of financial emergency is in operation, it is competent for the president of India to issue directions for the reduction of salaries and allowances of all or any class of persons serving in connection with the affairs of the Union but excluding the Judges of the Supreme Court and the High Courts.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

PRESIDENT					
President: ☐ Part of Executive (Prez/VP/PM/CoM/AG) ☐ Part of Parliament (Prez, LS, RS) ☐ Head of State, not Head of Govt ☐ All Executive actions taken in his name	□ <u>35</u> years; □ 50 electo	But in USA he sho qualified for <u>LS e</u> ors each as propos	uld be citizen-by-birth) election; no OoP sers and seconders forfeited if < 1/6 th votes		
Elections: □ by electoral college of elected MPs & MLAs □ Non-participants: Nominated MP/MLA; MI □ PR by single transferable vote; not FPTP; th □ Secret ballot; Conducted by ECI; Returning □ Disputes inquired and decided by Supreme □ Even if election is declared void, actions alr	.C; MLA of dis nis ensures <u>ab</u> Officer is LS/F <u>Court</u>	solved assembly solute majority RS <u>Secy General</u>	Oath: to preserve, protect and defend Constitution & law Given by CJI / senior most SC Judge		
Term: ☐ 5 year term (or until successor comes) ☐ Resigns to VP (not CJI); VP informs L S Speaker ☐ Re-election any no. of times (USA total two terms) ☐ Pass by 2/3 rd of strength in each house					
Immunity: ☐ Official acts: → personal immunity from legal liability ☐ Personal acts:			tc but not expiry of term) senior-most SC judge months		
 → criminal proceedings: no → civil proceedings: after two months notion → He cannot be arrested or imprisoned 	only o	70 <mark>CJI</mark> ; July-Augus	d as President, VP, CJI t 1969 Acted as Prez 982 Acted as Prez		
Important: ☐ Impeachment of President → violation of Constitution ☐ Removal of SC/HC Judge → proven misbehaviour or incapacity					
 Veto power: Absolute veto: withhold assent Qualified veto: legislature can override by higher majority (USA yes, India No) Suspensive veto: legislature can override by ordinary majority Pocket veto: take no action (as there is no time limit in Constitution) (USA: Prez must decide in 10 days. Hence, pocket of Indian Prez is bigger) Note: no veto power in case of Constitution amendment bill, due to 24th Amendment 1971 1954 → Rajendra Prasad → Absolute veto → PEPSU Appropriation Bill 1991 → R Venkataraman → Absolute veto → Salary, Allowances, Pension of MPs Bill 1986 → Giani Zail Singh → Pocket veto → Indian Post Office (Amendment) Bill 					
Ordinance making power ✓ Article 123 (Article for Governor is 213) ✓ Only when either or both houses not in session ✓ President must be satisfied on need for immediate action (can be challenged in SC) ✓ Parliament must take action within 6 weeks of reassembly, else ordinance lapses. ✓ So, maximum life of ordinance can be 6 months and 6 weeks					
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Prelims 2002

Which one of the following amendments to the Indian Constitution empowers the President to send back any matter for reconsideration by the Council of Ministers?

- (a) 39
- (b) 40
- (c) 42
- (d) 44

Prelims 1997

Which one of the following are/is stated in the Constitution of

- 1. President shall not be a member of either House of Parliament.
- 2. Parliament shall consist of the President and two Houses. Choose the correct answer from the codes given below: Codes:
- (a) Neither 1 nor 2
- (b) Both 1 and 2
- (c) 1 alone
- (d) 2 alone

Value of an MLA's vote =
$$\frac{Population \ of \ state \ (1971 \ census)}{Number \ of \ elected \ MLAs} X \frac{1}{1000}$$

Value of an MP's vote =
$$\frac{Total\ value\ of\ MLA\ votes}{Number\ of\ elected\ MPs}$$

$$Electoral\ quota = \frac{Valid\ votes}{2} + 1$$

Prelims 2018:

With reference to the election of the President of India, consider the following statements:

- 1. The value of the vote of each MLA varies from State to State.
- 2. The value of the vote of MPs of the Lok Sabha is more than the value of the vote of MPs of the Rajya Sabha

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

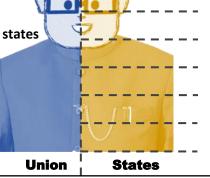
(d) Neither 1 or 2

l equally represent the Union and States (collectively)

I equally represent all the states

There is parity between:

- ✓ Union & States
- ✓ Different States
- X MP and MLA
- **X** MLAs of different states



Prelims 1993

The Chief Minister of a State in India is NOT eligible to vote in the Presidential election if

- a) he himself is a candidate
- he is yet to prove his majority on the floor of the **Lower House of the State legislature**
- c) he is a member of the Upper House of the State legislature
- d) he is a caretaker Chief Minister

Prelims 1996

Which one of the following is part of the electoral college for the election of the President of India but does not form part of the forum for his impeachment?

- (a) Lok Sabha
- (b) Rajya Sabha
- (c) State Legislative Councils
- (d) State Legislative Assemblies

Prelims 1990

The value of a vote of a member of the Parliament for the election of the President of India is determined by dividing the

- Nation's population as per the latest census by the number of Lok Sabha members
- Population as per the latest census by the total strength of the two Houses of the Parliament
- The total value of votes of the members of all the State Legislative Assemblies by the elected members of the two Houses of the Parliament
- d) Particular State's population as per the latest census by the number of members of Parliament elected from that State

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