# Over-reach of the TN Governor

## What is the issue?

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- Tamil Nadu Governor recently had a meeting with government officials in Coimbatore to directly review various programs.
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- This is perceived as an interventionist over-reach.
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## What are the conventional provisions?

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- The Governor of a State isn’t expected to review the work of government officials personally, when an elected regime is in place.
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- **Article 167** of the Constitution says that - CM’s has to keep the Governor updated on all major government decisions in both executive & legislative domain.
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- Additionally, CM is also required to furnish any specific administration related information if the Governor demands.
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- There may be occasions when the Governor may ask a top bureaucrat or a police officer for a report.
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- But such an action should be rarely resorted to and it should be for some specific purpose of importance.
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## What fuels suspicions?

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- The political context in which the governor is exhibiting his zeal to familiarise himself with the administration is significant.
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- The government’s majority in the Assembly is in doubt, after the disqualification of 18 dissident MLAs.
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- Notably, an impression that the state government is currently being armtwisted by the center is prevalent.
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- The prospect of the State coming under a spell of President’s Rule is also very real.
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## What is the way forward?

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- The Governor can indeed work independently within the boundaries of his constitutional mandate.
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- But he needs to ensure that his functioning should be within the bounds of established norms and conventions.
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