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प्रश्न संख्या
(Question No.)

1. In the context of appointment, there is a need to strengthen the independence of election Commission of India. Discuss (200 words)

The Election Commission of India (ECI) is an autonomous constitutional body appointed by the President.

Independence of Commission

In Mohinder Singh Gill vs Chief Election Commissioner, Supreme Court held that Art 324 contains plenary powers to ensure free and fair election and ECI can take all necessary steps to achieve this constitutional objectives.

but ECs role comes in question due to

- ↳ frequent interactions between different institutions
- ↳ EC meeting with government officials.

⇒ The independence of functionary is defined by his conduct and the integrity of the institution by people manning it

Thus, there is need to tinker the method of appointment to ensure independence

Way ahead: A Collegium headed by Prime minister with Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Leader of opposition in Lok Sabha, Minister of Law and deputy chairman of Rajya Sabha should make recommendations for consideration of the President for appointment of CEC and the ECs as per 2nd ARC

Thus, Election Commission can be made independent by factoring current need for appointments thereby increasing its efficiency and integrity.