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Election Commissioners:

The Election Commission of India or ECI is a constitutional body entrusted with the responsibility of administering the elections in India.

The Constitution of India clearly mentions the rules and regulations governing this body. Established in 1950, the Election Commission works with the principal objective of defining and controlling the course of elections held at various levels for the state legislatures, the Parliament and the offices of the Vice-President and the President of the country as per article 324 of the Constitution.

In its present form, the Election Commission consist of the Chief Election Commissioner and two Election Commissioners. The decision making will be done by majority vote.

Appointment	and	Tenure
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The President appoints the Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners.

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The tenure of these officers is six years or up to 65 years of age, whichever is earlier.

The status and pay of these officers is similar to what is enjoyed by the Judges of the Supreme Court.

The election Commissioners or the regional commissioners can be removed from office only if recommended by the CEC.

The CEC can be removed only by the President of India supported by a resolution passed in both the houses of the parliament with special majority on the grounds of incapacity or misbehavior.

Role	of	Election	Commission
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In organizing the elections of the largest democracy of the world, the Election Commission of India plays a crucial and decisive role. The Election Commission in India has the prime responsibility to ensure the conduct of free and fair elections in the country. Towards this end, the Commission has to implement the norms and Model Code of Conduct. Since the role of the Election Commission will need a high degree of



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independence and autonomy, the Constitution has empowered this body with the power to supervise the political bodies and candidates. It can take the action it deems appropriate in case of any violations.