

TEST No. 50

TOPIC: Commissions/ Panchayati Raj

SUBJECT: INDIAN POLITY

Explanation:

Question 1

Answer D

Explanation: **The** Appointment Committee will be headed by the chief Minister. Other members include the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly and one cabinet Minister nominated by the chief Minister.

As per the RTI Act, 2005:

The State Chief Information Commissioner or a State Information Commissioner shall be removed from his office only by order of the Governor on the ground of proved misbehavior or incapacity after the Supreme Court, on a reference made to it by the Governor, has on inquiry, reported that the State Chief Information Commissioner or a State Information Commissioner, as the case may be, ought on such ground be removed.

The Governor may suspend from office, and if deem necessary prohibit also from attending the office during inquiry, the State Chief Information Commissioner or a State Information Commissioner in respect of whom a reference has been made to the Supreme Court until the Governor has passed orders on receipt of the report of the Supreme Court on such reference.

Governor may by order remove from office the State Chief Information Commissioner or a State Information Commissioner if a State Chief Information Commissioner or a State Information Commissioner, as the case may be,-

Is adjudged an insolvent

Has been convicted of an offence which, in the opinion of the Governor, involves moral turpitude

Engages during his term of office in any paid employment outside the duties of his office

Is, in the opinion of the Governor, unfit to continue in office by reason of infirmity of mind or body.

Has acquired such financial or other interest as is likely to affect prejudicially his functions as the State Chief Information Commissioner or a State Information Commissioner

If the State Chief Information Commissioner or a State Information Commissioner in any way, concerned or interested in any contract or agreement made by or on behalf of the Government of the State or participates in any way in the profit thereof or in any benefit or emoluments arising there from otherwise than as a member and in common with the other members of an incorporated company, he shall be deemed to be guilty of misbehavior

The Centre has also curtailed the tenure of information commissioners in transparency panels across the country to three years in new RTI rules. The 2005 Act gave them a fixed tenure of five years or a retirement age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.

The Centre had amended the Right to Information Act, 2005 in July ending the parity enjoyed by Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners with Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners on terms and conditions of their service and tenure.

Question 2

Answer C

Explanation: Both statements are correct

Question 3

Answer B

Explanation: the chairperson of panchayats at the intermediate and district levels shall be elected indirectly by and from amongst the elected members thereof. However, the chairperson of a panchayat at the village level shall be elected in such manner as the state legislature determines.

Legislature of a State may, by law, provide for representation of members of the Legislative Assembly of the State representing constituencies which comprise wholly or partly a Panchayat area at a level other than the village level, in such Panchayat.

The Lok Sabha HAS NO such power.

Question 4

Answer A

Explanation: By the 89th Amendment of the Constitution on 19th February 2004, the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes has been set up under Article 338 A

Question 5

Answer D

Explanation: the Governor has NO direct supervision OVER Village Panchayats.

Panchayats are not entitled to receive grants-in-aid directly from the central government. The grants in aid to the Panchayats from the consolidate fund of the states.

Question 6

Answer A

Explanation: All statements are correct

Question 7

Answer A

Explanation: National Human Rights Commission is a STATUTARY body

The chairperson and the members of the Commission are appointed by the president on the basis of recommendation of a committee comprising the Prime Minister as the chairperson, the speaker of the Lok Sabha, the Home Minister, the leaders of the Opposition in the LS and the RS and the Dy. Chairperson of the RS as members. **Vice President** IS NOT member of it.

Question 8

Answer C

Explanation: Provision for reservation of seats for backward classes AND Giving representations to MP's and MLA's are VOLUNTARY provisions.