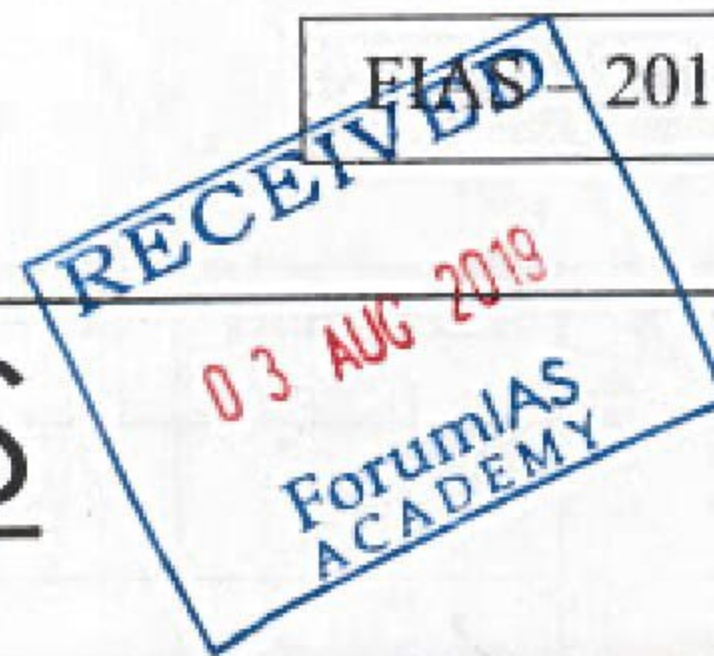


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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Q.1) Rajya Sabha is not as powerful as Lok Sabha, but powerful enough in comparison to state legislative councils. Examine. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

In Parliamentary form of democracy in India, the Parliament consists of two houses.

- i) Upper House or Rajya Sabha - a permanent house
- ii) Lower House or Lok Sabha - directly elected house.

For proper functioning of the legislature, both houses have their own importance.

Rajya Sabha not as powerful as Lok Sabha

- i) ~~Executive~~ Executive or government is directly responsible to the Lok Sabha. Article 75, clearly states this.
- ii) Most of the financial matters such as money bill is passed at the will of Lok Sabha. Rajya Sabha has only recommendatory nature. Ex. - passing of Budget,
 - ↳ Vote of demand of grants
 - ↳ Speaker certifying money bill.
- iii) Other provisions such as
 - Joint sitting of Parliament
 - Discontinuance of National Emergency.

But the Rajya Sabha is powerful in comparison of State legislative Council (LC)

i) Rajya Sabha can withhold the passage of Ordinary bill but in State legislature, legislative Council will is limited.

ii) Rajya Sabha is homogeneous representation with indirect election representing federal nature

LC - Representation, not homogenous, representing different groups and nominated.

iii) Rajya Sabha - participates in the election of President, Vice-President. while LC does not participates

Rajya Sabha has unique place in our federal democracy, which may not be as powerful as people choice of Lok Sabha. But plays its role in proper functioning of Parliament.

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Q.2) Discuss the effectiveness of Representative of people's Acts for the smooth conduct of elections and in creating a meaningful democracy.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Indian Constitution, as per article 324, has given full supervision power to the Election Commission of India and asked parliament to make laws for the conduct of election.

Parliament has passed two ~~Acts~~ laws in this regard.

A) Representation of People's Act (RPA) 1950

B) Representation of People's Act (RPA) 1951

A) RPA 1950 - Important Provisions:

i) Deals with the general provision of seat allocation across states and its representation in house

ii) Territorial Constituencies.

iii) Establishment of Council of States.

B) RPA 1951 - Important Provisions

i) Qualifications & Disqualifications of Candidates.

ii) Administrative machinery required for election conduct.

iii) Notification and Conduct of election

iv) Disputes regarding elections

v) Registration regarding Political Parties

- vi) General provisions ~~reg~~ such as election malpractices and franchise code such as M.C.C.

Effectiveness (Positives)

- These provisions has led to successful election conduct since Independence
- Impartiality of Election Commission is established and respected.
- People of Andhra & across the world has respected mandate

Negative / Shortcomings

- Rise of Corrupt Practices - this RPA has not able to tackle.
- Inner Party Democracy - not working
- Money, muscle power - Black money entering politics
- Criminalisation of Politics.

Certainly RPA has been successful over past years. But with changing time & new challenges, coming in, Parliament have to amend this law ~~and~~ and make election process more robust.

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Q.3) Do you think whether the remnants of various colonial laws have undermined the true meaning of Freedom of speech and expression under Article 19 of Indian constitution? Justify. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

It goes without saying that various colonial laws was to serve the interest of the British empire. has limited freedom of speech and expression. But after Indian Independence some of the laws are still there in Indian statute undermining the provisions of Indian Constitution as envisaged in Article 19.

i) Official Secrets Act 1923.

- traced back to time of Lord Curzon.
- Based on this reactionary policy, pressed hard on - people journalist for accessing information necessary for people's expression.
- Today, in recent Rafale Controversy, govt. tried to impose this Act to suppress journalism.
- This Act is also used frequently to limit the information given under RTI Act 2005.

ii) Sedition Law.

- this law used frequently by state against peaceful protests, writers and other

- persons which act do not endanger the unity and integrity of India.
- Different scenario has emerged in which students & writer slapped with this Act.
- ~~Another~~ Different Commission has stated this view for ~~the~~ repealing this Act.

iii) There are some other decision such as Section 309 of IPC, which has been recently declared unconstitutional by Supreme Court - which stood in the way of people ~~not~~ expressing their sexual choices.

Indian Constitution has given freedom of Speech & Expression under Part III of Constitution, which is a fundamental right. Such colonial acts comes in the way of ~~this~~ Article 13 which must be reviewed and given proper guidelines for its implementation.

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Q.4) Discuss the role of parliamentary committees in ensuring financial accountability of the executive. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Parliamentary Committees are the integral part of Parliamentary democracy, and its value addition is immense to the deliberations of the Parliament. Its importance is much needed felt now as parliament scrutiny ~~of~~ ~~over~~ ~~the~~ executive, legislative is ~~the~~ decreasing with increasing parliament disruptions.

[Role of Parliamentary Committees (PC) in ensuring financial accountability

i) As Parliament has limited time and expertise to deal with the financial matters. These PCs are established to do a detailed scrutiny of ~~the~~ executive.

Exa. Parliament Accounts Committee

- Examining the CAG's Audit Report.
- Examining the financial expenditure and looking from economy point of view.
- Lays its report on Parliament

Estimates Committee

- Examining the estimates ~~as~~ as represented in Budget
- Estimates and its coordination ^{with} Policy.

and other committee to scrutinise the executive and make them accountable to the House.

ii) ^{in PC} However, MPs work in more coordinated way, they may not have to follow party whip, and deliberate the issues more independently and given unbiased opinions.

iii) The PC Committee work around the year as Parliament sitting is limited to 60-80 day in year.

As financial matter and spending goes around the year, the PC are able to ~~also~~ make govt accountable to Parliament. These Parliamentary Committees has certainly played a crucial role. ~~can~~

~~Also~~ Seeing its importance National Commission ²⁰⁰² to Review Indian Constitution has asked to establish more of these Committees.

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Q.5) Any democracy needs a thriving and coherent opposition. How can the role of the opposition be made more effective for the better functioning of democracy?

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

In our Parliamentary form of democracy, where each people sends its representatives in Parliament has their goal and aspirations. In this scenario, the role of opposition is important, so the government are made accountable for their Act and State is run according to the provisions of Indian Constitution, taking the interest of all.

Importance of Opposition

- i) Constructive debate on different policy of govt, as more deliberation will only fine tune the policy.
- ii) Representing ~~the~~ ^{the} needs of sections that ~~feel~~ ^{feel} left out by govt. policy.
- iii) Scrutinising and bringing out the mismanagement, corruption (if any) case to the people.
- iv) Using Parliamentary tools such as Censure Motion and other resolutions as per the need of the hour.

Making the role of opposition more effective

- i) Giving statutory provision and recognition of opposition in Indian Constitution.
- ii) Sufficient time allotment for the opposition in Parliament, Speaker has to mitigate on this.
- iii) Providing platforms. - Apart Parliament different platforms to be provided for opposition like on Doordarshan, AIR for voicing their concerns.
- iv) Involving them in passage of important bills, Appointments of various post, although here process has started, included them in CBF, Lokpal appointments.

A proper and efficient opposition is of paramount importance for the working of Parliamentary form of democracy, some of the above steps needs to be taken in that direction.

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Q.6) Discuss the constitutionally enshrined role of CAG. What are the safeguards provided in the constitution for the effective functioning of CAG?

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has been envisaged as the guardian of public money by the forefathers ~~of the~~ BR Ambedkar has said CAG office as most important office of India.

CAG role as per Constitution

- i) It audits the accounts of Consolidated Fund of India, State and check its receipts and per legal.
- ii) It also audits the accounts of Contingency funds, Public Accounts of India and States and check its receipts
- iii) Check different expenditure by govt. as per the Appropriation Act and the money is were legally available for expenditure
- iv) Audits departmental undertaking or other institutions as per the President refer.
- v) Audits not only from legal ~~point~~ point of view but also from propriety point of view check economy, extravagance, ~~or~~ or wasteful spending.

Three Reports to President which in turn
lays to Parliament

- i) Audit on Appropriation Account
- ii) Audit on Finance Accounts
- iii) Audit of different undertakings.

→ + Heads India Accounts office

Safeguards in Constitution

- Security of ~~same~~ tenure, bys or 65 age
- Expenditure charged on Consolidated fund of India
- Removal - only as Supreme Court judge
- No office post retirement

Given the importance of the CAG's role, this office is
must required for financial transparency in India.

With important institution like CAG in India, enhances
its role in our democracy.

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Q.7) PIL is being misused in many ways, for serving private interest in the grab of public interest. Do you agree? Give reasons in support of your answer.

(10 Marks, 150 Words)

Public Interest Litigation (PIL) is a tool for raising the voice for the people which are disadvantage and weaker in the society, and placing their concerns in front of judiciary for the resolution, which has a content of wide interest of Public.

But this seems a noble provision, but there ~~to~~ are people with their vested interests are misusing the PIL.

Misuse of PILs.

i) Different Pressure Groups trying to stall development projects in some area.

Example - There has been news of foreign funding of anti-nuclear strikes in Andhra and

PILs for their resettlement & rehabilitation.

ii) Some NGOs, getting donations from govt, MNCs have vested interest - try this

- funding NGOs to PILs for some human rights violations in Kashmir or AFSA affected areas.

They try to internationalise the domestic

issue and grab the world's attention.

iii) Some PILs are for personal - name and fame.

- they do not have any genuine concern but to get the country's attention, they do that.

Public Interest Litigation is a noble method evolved by Indian judiciary to listen the concerns of people who do not able to reach judiciary for their redressal. But the misuse of these provisions must be checked by Supreme Court by laying proper guidelines for PILs, so that they undertake only genuine cases.

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Q.8) What are electoral bonds? Discuss their effectiveness in bringing transparency in electoral funding. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

Electoral Bond: one of the way of donating money to ~~electoral~~ political parties using formal channel i.e. bank as an intermediary. These bonds which are purchased from bank post KYC and given to Political Party.

Effectiveness of Electoral Bonds.

A good step?

- i) ~~with~~ with Bank as intermediary, this will help in Clean Money coming to Political Party.
- ii) Transparent and effective way of funding Political Parties
- iii) Anonymity - So, ~~political party~~ individual and Companies cannot be harassed.
- iii) Genuine Political Party with 1% secured vote in last election to avail this facility to check fraudulent registered parties.
- iv) Will limit direct cash funding to parties which was source of black money.

But there a limitation to its transparency.

- i) Given the anonymity of donors, ruling govt can have biased accessed to these data.
- ii) No limit of company on donation.
 - So many shell companies for donation
 - ~~Not~~ Not have to divulge to shareholders.
- iii) Cash donation is still there, which have a major share of donation

Certainly this electoral is one of the first step required in the direction of Clean funding of electors, but its limitation on the transparency should also be taken care for Clean funding of parties.

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Q.9) Critically analyse the role of Lokpal in bringing about transformational change in anti-corruption architecture in Indian polity. (10 Marks, 150 Words)

India has recently appointed its first Lokpal envisaged as anti-corruption body to ~~act~~ acts as ombudsman to grievances of the public.

Body of Lokpal established after Lokpal Act 2013 and to serve as top anti-corruption body of India.

[Role of Lokpal in anti-corruption architecture]

- i) Selection of Lokpal and 8 other members based on ~~independent~~ independent selection committee.
- ii) It has jurisdiction to act on govt. employees of various groups A, B, C, D, - wide coverage, and initiate inquiry based on complaint.
- iii) Investigating Agencies, like CBI under this Lokpal for supervision of enquiry.
- iv) Even PM under its ambit in ~~some~~ certain cases.
- v) Time bound dissolution of cases.

~~Preced~~

Main Act for anti-corruption is Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 to act on the corruption cases not inquired by Lokpal.

Limitation of Lokpal role

- i) Cannot act on suo-moto - Must Act based on written complaints.
- ii) Given the limitation of judiciary in case disposal, time bound justice is questionable.
- iii) Strongest rules has its limitations, must work on other cause of corruption.

The role of Lokpal in anti-corruption in India is important given the fact that it was brought up by govt after civil society protests. Lokpal has just started functioning. its future course be seen in its importance.

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