

it consists of Chairman and other – members appointed by president

constitution doesn't specify the \_\_\_\_\_ strength of the members

usually the members consists of 9 to -11 members

6 years or up to the age of 65 years

 President can appoint one of the members as a acting chairman in 2 cases :

— 1. Office of chairman falls vacant

- 2. Chairman is unable to perform due to absence or some other reason

 President can remove chairman or – any other member under following circumstances:

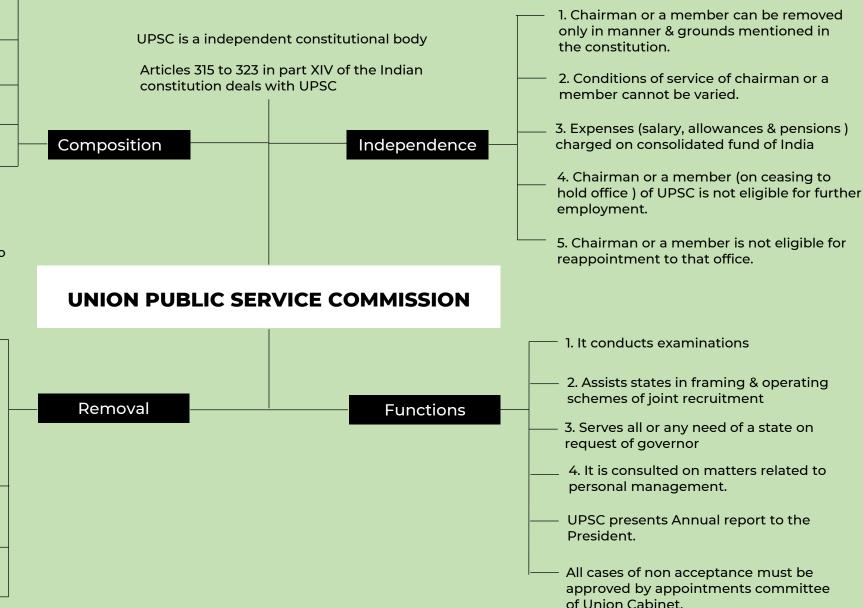
1. Insolvent

2. Paid employment

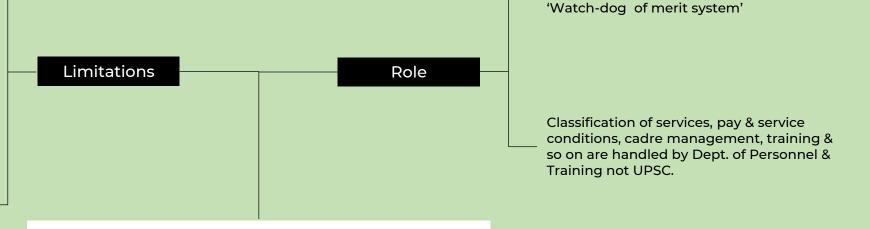
<sup>-</sup> 3. Infirmity of mind or body

Also can be removed for misbehavior, in that case matter refer to Supreme Court for inquiry.

Advice tendered by Supreme court is — Binding on the president.



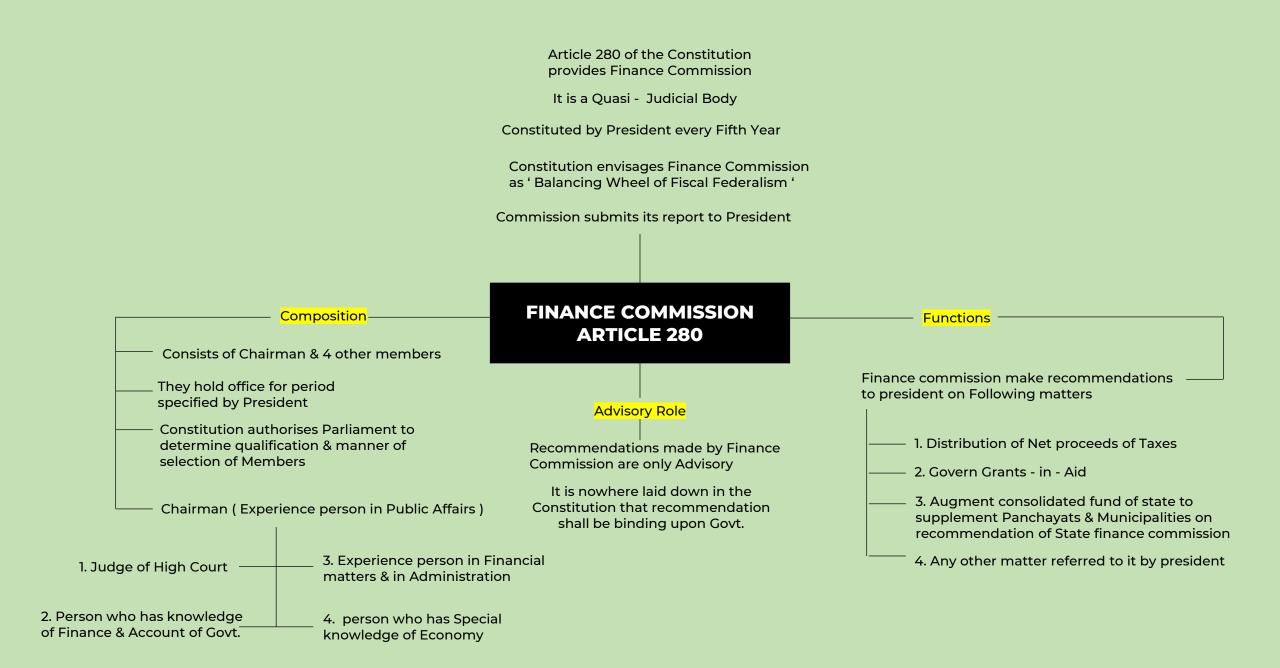
- Following matters are kept outside jurisdiction of UPSC
- 1. Reservation of appointments or posts
- 2. Claims of SCs & STs in appointments to services & posts
- 3. Selections for chairmanship or membership of commissions or tribunals, posts of highest diplomatic nature & group of C and group D services.
- 4. With regard to selection for temporary or officiating appointment.
  - President can exclude posts, services & matters from purview of UPSC.

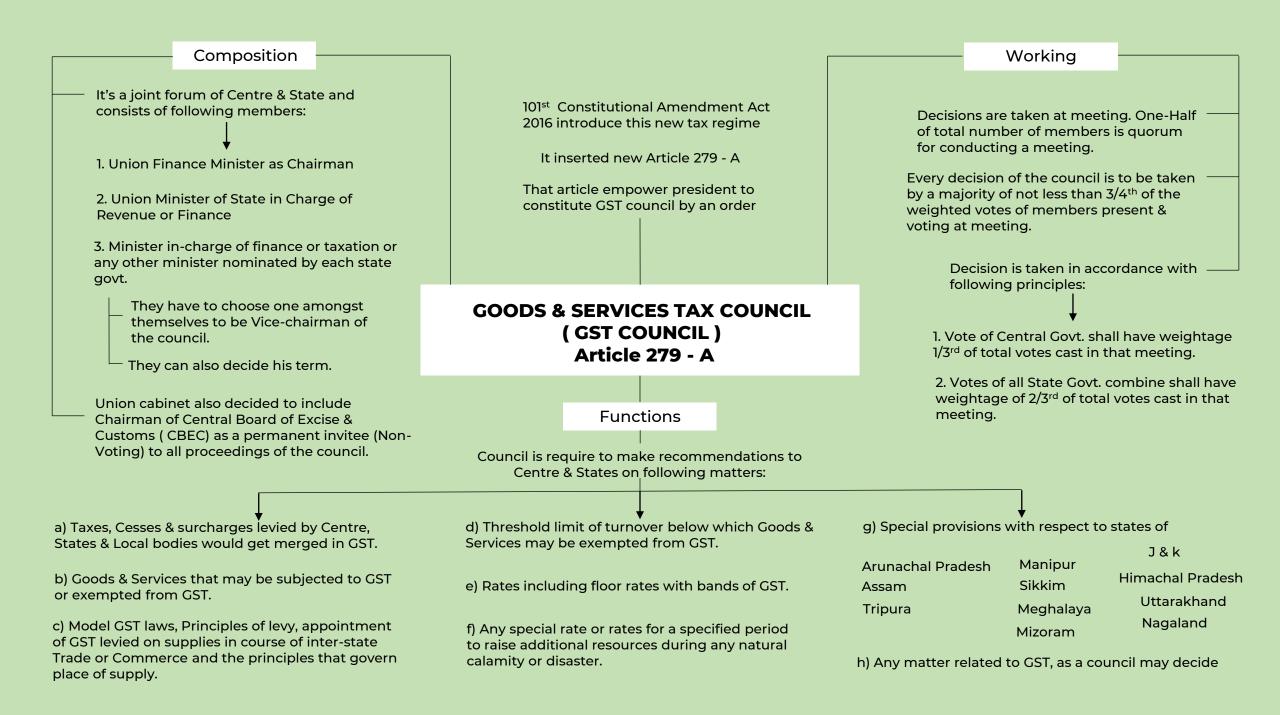


Constitution visualizes UPSC to be

# UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

No.	UPSC	SPSC	JSPSC
Appointment	by president	by governor	by president
Term	6 years or 65 years	6 years or 62 years	6 years or 62 years
Removal	by president	By president	By president
Report	To president	To governor	To governors
Status	Constitutional body	Constitutional body	statutory
Resignation	To president	To governor	To president



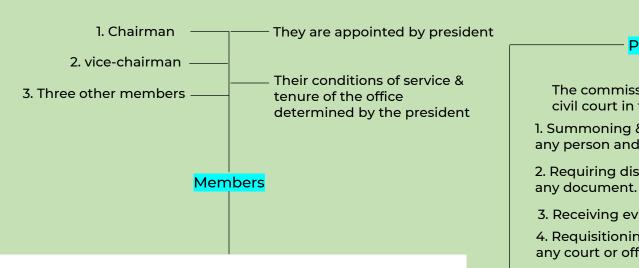


# It is a constitutional body, that established directly by Article 338.

- But other commissions like
- National commission for Women (1992)
- National commission for Minorities ( 1993 )
- National commission for Backward classes (1993)
- National Human Rights Commission ( 1993 )
- National commission for protection of Child Rights (2007)
- These are statutory bodies. They are established by act of Parliament.

### Evolution

- Originally Article 338 provided appointment of Special Officer for Schedule Castes & Schedule Tribes.
- To investigate all matters relating to constitutional safeguards for SCs & STs and to report president on their working.
- 89<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act of 2003 bifurcated the National Commission for SCs & STs into 2 separate Bodies:
  - 1. National Commission for SCs ( under Article 338 )
  - 2. National Commission for STs ( under Article 338 A )
- This is how National Commission for SCs came into existence in 2004.



## NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCs Article 338

### Functions

1. Investigate & monitor constitutional & legal safeguards for SCs & evaluate working.

2. Enquire complaints related to deprivation of rights & safeguards of SCs

3. Participate & advice on socio-economic development of SCs & evaluate progress of development under Union or a State.

4. Present reports to president annually or whenever require.

5. Make recommendations for protection , welfare & socio-economic development of SCs

6. Discharge other functions as president may specify.

# Powers The commission has all powers of a \_\_\_\_\_\_ civil court in following matters: 1. Summoning & enforcing attendance of any person and examining him on oath. 2. Requiring discovery & production of any document. 3. Receiving evidence & affidavits. 4. Requisitioning any public record from any court or office. 5. Issuing summons for examination of witnesses & documents.

6. Any other matter which President may determine.

Central & State Governments are require to consult the Commission on all major policy matters affecting SCs.

- The Commission presents annual report to the President.
- Till 2018, The commission was also require to discharge similar functions with regard to OBC & Anglo Indian community.
- But in 2018, It was relieved from this responsibility by 102<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Act of 2018. And special commission for OBC was constituted.
- Presently Commission require to discharge the functions related to Anglo-Indian Community.

