Vice - President

He occupies second highest office

This office is modelled on lines of American Vice - President

Election

1. Elected & nominated members of Parliament Participate in election of Vice president

2. It does not include Members of state legislative Assemblies

qualification

1. citizen

2. 35 years of age

3. Should be qualified for election as a member of Rajya Sabha

4. Not hold office of profit

Nomination must be subscribed by 20 electors as proposers & 20 electors as seconders

Oath or Affirmation

He swears

1. To bear true faith & Allegiance to constitution

2. Faithfully discharge duties

His oath is administered by President or Person appointed by him

Conditions

Constitution lays 2 conditions

1. Should not be member of either house of Parliament or State Legislature

2. Not hold office of profit

Election Disputes

All doubts & disputes inquired & decided by Supreme Court whose decision is final

Emoluments

Constitution not fixed emoluments for him.

He receives salary as a Ex – officio chairman of Rajya Sabha

Powers & Functions

1. Act as a Ex – Officio chairman of Rajya Sabha

2. Act as President when president's office is vacant but only for 6 months

While acting as President, he does not perform duties of Chairman of Rajya Sabha. During this period, those duties are perform by Deputy chairman of Rajya Sabha

Term

Holds office for 5 years

He resigns by Addressing resignation to President

A formal impeachment is not require for his removal

14 days advance notice to be given

He can be removed by a resolution of Rajya Sabha passed by Absolute majority & agreed by Lok Sabha

No ground mentioned in constitution for his removal

Can hold office beyond 5 years until new appointed

Vacancy

Vacancy can occur in following 5 ways

1. On expiry of tenure of 5 years

2. By Resignation

3. Removal

4. Death

5. Otherwise,
Example : Disqualified or Void election

If office falls vacant by resignation, removal, death or otherwise & new VP is elected, he remain in office for full term of 5 years