



Tenures of CBI & ED Directors Extended

Why in News

Recently, the President **promulgated two ordinances** that would allow the Centre to **extend the tenures of the directors** of the [Central Bureau of Investigation](#) and the [Enforcement Directorate](#) from two years to up to five years.

- The [Delhi Special Police Establishment \(DSPE\) Act, 1946](#) and the [Central Vigilance Commission \(CVC\) Act, 2003](#) have been amended to give the government the power to keep the two chiefs in their posts for one year after they have completed their two-year terms.
- The chiefs of the Central agencies currently have a fixed two-year tenure, **but can now be given three annual extensions.**

Key Points

▪ Amendments in DSPE Act:

- Provided that the **period for which the Director holds the office** on his initial appointment **may, in public interest, on the recommendation of the Committee** (the committee led by the Prime Minister and leader of Opposition and CJI as members) and for the reasons to be recorded in writing, be **extended up to one year at a time.**
- Provided further that **no such extension shall be granted after the completion of a period of five years** in total including the period mentioned in the initial appointment.

▪ Amendments in CVC Act:

- Provided that the period for which the Director of Enforcement holds the office on his initial appointment may, in public interest, on the **recommendation of the Committee** (comprising of CVC chief, Revenue and Home Secretaries among others) and for the reasons to be recorded in writing, be **extended up to one year at a time.**
- Provided further that **no such extension shall be granted after the completion of a period of five years** in total including the period mentioned in the initial appointment.

Central Bureau of Investigation

- The **CBI was set up in 1963** by a resolution of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
 - Now, the CBI comes under the administrative control of the [Department of Personnel and Training \(DoPT\)](#) of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
- The establishment of the CBI was **recommended by the Santhanam Committee on Prevention of Corruption (1962-1964).**
- The CBI is not a statutory body. It derives its powers from the DSPE Act, 1946.
- The CBI is the main investigating agency of the Central Government.

- It also provides assistance to the [Central Vigilance Commission](#) and [Lokpal](#).
- It is also the nodal police agency in India which coordinates investigations on behalf of [Interpol Member countries](#).
- The CBI is headed by a **Director**.
- The CBI has jurisdiction to investigate offences pertaining to **69 Central laws, 18 State Acts and 231 offences in the IPC**.

Enforcement Directorate

- Directorate of Enforcement is a **specialized financial investigation agency** under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.
- On 1st May 1956, an 'Enforcement Unit' was formed, in the **Department of Economic Affairs, for handling Exchange Control Laws violations** under Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1947.
 - In the year 1957, this Unit was renamed as 'Enforcement Directorate'.
- ED enforces the following laws:
 - [Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 \(FEMA\)](#)
 - [Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 \(PMLA\)](#)

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