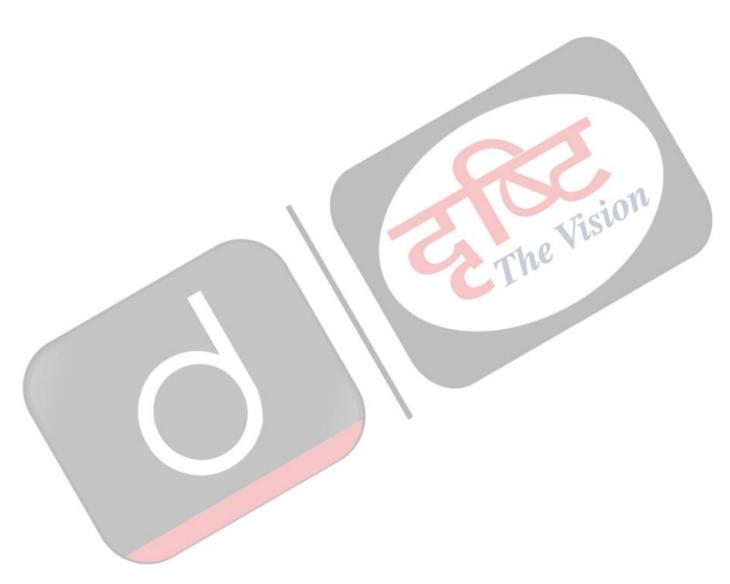


Governor

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Governor



Eligibility Criteria

Must be a citizen of India
At least 35 years of age
Must not be a member of (either) house of Parliament/State Legislature
Must not hold any office of profit

Appointment and Tenure (Part VI)

 Appointed by President (Article 153)
 One person can be appointed as Governor for 2+ States (7th Const. Amendment in 1956)
 Holds the office at the Pleasure of the President (maximum 5 years)

Powers (Part VI)

- Article 161: Pardoning powers
- Article 164: Power to appoint the CM and other Ministers
- Article 176: Special Address by Governor
- Article 200: Power to (withhold) assent/reserve a bill (Legislative Assembly)
- Article 213: Power to promulgate Ordinances

'Dual Capacity'

 Constitutional head of the state and Representative of the Union government

Ending Tenure before 5 Years

- Dismissal by President (on advice of the Council of Ministers headed by PM)
 - Dismissal of governors without a valid reason is not permitted
- On grounds of acts upheld by courts as unconstitutional and malafide
- Resignation by the governor

Responsibilities

- Appoints CM, other Ministers, Advocate General of State, Members of State PSC, judges of HC and districts
- Act as ex-officio chancellor of state Universities

Governor (Part - II) and (Part - III)

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