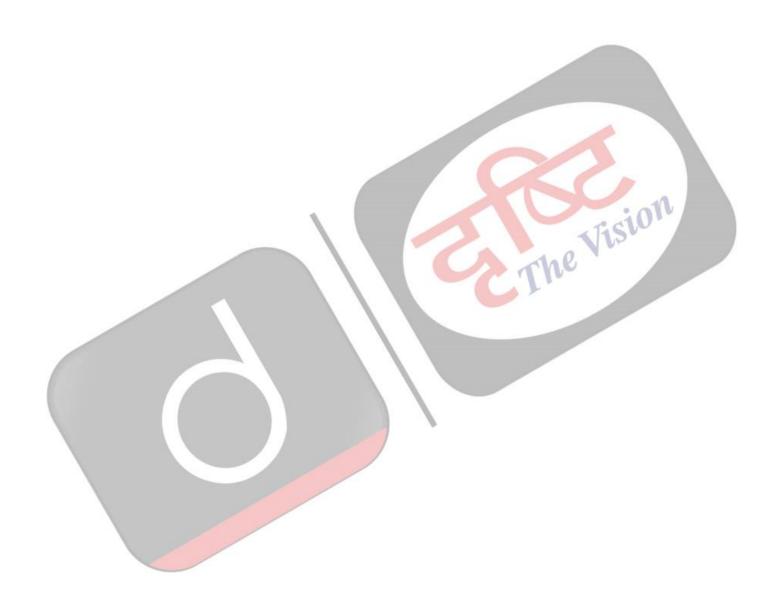


Lokpal



LOKPA

It is a statutory body functioning as "Ombudsman" to investigate corruption allegations against specific public officials and related issues. –

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

World -

(9) 1809: Institution of Ombudsman first created in Sweden

India-



- (9) 1963: Idea of ombudsman first came up in Parliament
- (9) 1971: First Lokayukta established in Maharashtra
- 2011: Anna Hazare Movement for Lokpal
- (9) 2013: Lokpal and Lokayuktas Bill, 2011 passed
- (9) 2014: Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 came into force and amended in 2016
- (9) 2019: Justice (Retd) Pinaki Chandra Ghose as first Lokpal of India

Statutory Provision: Lokpal And Lokayuktas Act (2013)

Seeks to establish institution of Lokpal at Centre and Lokayukta at State

Jurisdiction -



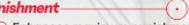
- (9) Includes Prime Minister, Ministers, MPs and Groups A, B, C and D officers, officials of Central Govt
- (9) Institutions financed fully or partly by Government
- ⊕ Entities getting over ₹10 lakhs annually in foreign donations under FCRA

Power



- (s) Authority to approve public servants' prosecution instead of government or relevant authority
- (9) Power of superintendence and direction over any investigating agency, including CBI, for cases referred to them by Lokpal
- (Incorporates provisions for attachment and confiscation of property of public servants acquired by corrupt means, even while prosecution pending

Punishment-



(9) Enhances maximum punishment under Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988

Appointment -



- (Selection of Chairperson and members through Selection Committee (PM, Speaker-LS, Leader of largest opp. party, CJI or sitting SC Judge nominated by CJI and an eminent jurist nominated by President)
- (Search Committee assists Selection Committee in process of selection

Structure -



- Ohairperson + maximum 8 members
 - 50% Judicial members
 - (b) 50% from SCs, STs, OBCs, minorities and women

Term of office -



5 yrs or until the age of 70 yrs



