



New UPSC Chairman Appointed

Why in News?

Former Defence Secretary Dr. Ajay Kumar has been appointed **the new Chairman** of the [Union Public Service Commission \(UPSC\)](#).

Key Points

▪ Union Public Service Commission

- The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) is a [constitutional body](#). Part XIV of the Indian Constitution contains provisions relating to the composition, appointment and removal, powers and functions of its members under **Articles 315 to 323**.
- **Appointment of Members:** The Chairman and other members of the UPSC are appointed by the [President of India](#).
- **Office:** Any member of the UPSC will hold office for a **term of six years or until the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier**.
- **Re-appointment:** No person who has once held office as a member of a Public Service Commission shall be eligible for reappointment to his office.
- **Resignation:** A member of the Union Public Service Commission may resign from his office by writing to the President of India.
- **Removal/Suspension of Members:** The Chairman or any other member of the Union Public Service Commission shall be removed from his office only by order of the President of India.
 - The President may also suspend the Chairperson or any other Member before the completion of his office, in respect of which a reference is made to [the Supreme Court](#).
- **Removal:** The Chairman or any other member of the UPSC may be removed if he:
 - has been declared bankrupt.
 - Engages in any paid employment outside the duties of the office during his term of office.
 - is, in the opinion of the President, unfit to continue in office by reason of infirmity of mind or body.
- **Regulating the conditions of service:** Power of the President of India in the case of UPSC:
 - Determines the number of members of the Commission and their conditions of service.
 - Makes provision for the number of employees of the Commission and their conditions of service.
- **Restriction on Powers:** The service conditions of members of the UPSC shall not be amended in any manner after their appointment.
- **Power to extend functions:** The Legislature of a State may make provision for the exercise of additional functions by the UPSC or the SPSC in respect of the services of the Union or a State and in respect of the services of any local authority or other body corporate constituted by law or any public institution.
- **Expenses:** The expenses of the UPSC, including salaries, allowances and pensions of members or employees of the Commission, are met from the Consolidated **Fund of India**.

- **Submission of Reports:** The UPSC submits an annual report of the work done by the Commission to the President of India.
 - A memorandum has to be submitted to the President in respect of those cases in which the advice of the Commission has not been accepted.
 - The **reasons for rejection will have to be presented before each House** of Parliament before being presented to the President .

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