



Central Government – SSC Notes



President of India

- Article: 52–78
- Role: Nominal Head of State (par real power PM + Council of Ministers ke paas)
- Election:
 - Elected by Electoral College → MPs + MLAs
 - Term: 5 years
- Powers:
 1. Executive Powers → Appoints PM, Ministers, Governors, Ambassadors, Judges
 2. Legislative Powers → Summon/Prorogue Parliament, Assent to bills, Ordinances
 3. Judicial Powers → Pardon, Reprieve, Remission of punishment (Art. 72)
 4. Emergency Powers → National, State, Financial Emergency (Art. 352, 356, 360)
- Impeachment:
 - Ground: Violation of Constitution
 - By 2/3 majority in both Houses

👉 SSC Fact: Real executive power → PM & Council of Ministers



Parliament of India

1. Structure

- Bicameral → Lok Sabha (Lower House) + Rajya Sabha (Upper House)
- President = Integral part

2. Lok Sabha

- Max Seats: 552 (530 States + 20 UTs + 2 nominated Anglo-Indians*)
- Term: 5 years
- Election: Directly by people (Adult franchise)
- Speaker → Head of Lok Sabha

3. Rajya Sabha

- Max Seats: 250 (238 States/UTs + 12 nominated by President)
- Term: Permanent body, 1/3 retire every 2 years
- Chairman → Vice President of India
- Election: Indirect via MLAs

4. Powers

- Legislative → Make laws (Union & Concurrent List)
- Financial → Money bills only in Lok Sabha
- Control over Executive → No-confidence motion possible

👉 **SSC Fact: Rajya Sabha → Permanent, 1/3 retire every 2 years**

Prime Minister & Central Council of Ministers

1. Prime Minister (PM)

- **Article: 74**
- **Real executive head of India**
- **Appointed by President**
- **Leader of majority party in Lok Sabha**
- **Roles:**
 1. **Head of Council of Ministers**
 2. **Advises President**
 3. **Leader in Lok Sabha (policy, budget, legislation)**

2. Council of Ministers

- **Collective responsibility to Lok Sabha**
- **Types:**
 1. **Cabinet Ministers → Key ministries**
 2. **Ministers of State → Independent or attached to Cabinet**
 3. **Deputy Ministers → Assists Cabinet/State Ministers**
- **Function: Implements laws, formulates policies, runs administration**

3. Important SSC Points

- **PM = Real executive head**
- **President = Nominal head**
- **Council of Ministers = Collectively responsible to Lok Sabha**
- **No-confidence motion → Can remove PM & Council**