

# LAW CAPSULE

FOR LAW COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS



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## COMMISSIONS ESTABLISHED BY ACT OF PARLIAMENT

### Introduction

Law can change the world of tomorrow beyond recognition. Independent and autonomous Commissions are created by Parliament for social re-engineering of the nation. Commissions are sacred trust of the people, the benefits of which are enjoyed by the people. All people have the right to live in peace, free from fear and want and establishment of Commissions is movement in that direction.

For convenience of understanding Commissions can be divided into following categories: -

- Commissions appointed under Constitution of India, 1950

- Commissions appointed by an Act of Parliament
- Commissions appointed by an Executive Order of the Union Government
- Commissions appointed by State Legislatures
- Commissions/Authority appointed under Commission of Enquiry Act
- Other Commissions

The scope of this article is confined to Commissions appointed by an Act of Parliament, however it will provide basic understanding of the nature of Commissions in general. Some of the important Commissions with their particulars are enumerated in the form of a table:-

Commission	Established by	Members	Importance
National Human Rights Commission	Section 3, Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993	(a) A Chairperson who has been a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;(b) One Member who is or has been, a Judge of the Supreme Court;(c) One Member who is, or has been, the Chief Justice of a High Court;(d) Two Members to be appointed from amongst persons having knowledge of or practical experience in matters relating to human rights. The Chairpersons of the National Commission for Minorities, the National Commission for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and the National Commission for Women shall be deemed to be Members of the Commission for the discharge of functions specified in clauses (b) to (j) of section 12.	Receiving complaints from victims of human rights violations and inquiring the same.
National Commission for Minorities	Section 3 of National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992	Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson and five Members	To receive and look into complaints of deprivation of minorities rights.
National Commission for Women	National Commission for Women Act, 1990	Chairperson and five Members	To receive and look into complaints of deprivation of Women's Rights.
National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions	National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions Act, 2005	Chairperson and two members to be nominated by the Central Government	New Commission.