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COMMISSIONS APPOINTED UNDER CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

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To promote the common good, with due observance of prudence, justice and charity so that the dignity of the individual may be assured, true social order attained, the Constitution established important Commissions to perform various important functions.

As mentioned in the last Law Capsule (Lawyers Update March Issue) 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
- Commission appointed by an Executive Order of the Union Government

- Commission appointed by State Legislatures
- Commission/Authority appointed under Commission of Enquiry Act
- Other Commissions

In the said issue we also enumerated important commissions appointed by an Act of Parliament of India. In continuation of the same, this time we will discuss Constitutional Commissions. For convenience of the reader the membership, purpose and enabling article of the constitutional commissions is enumerated in tabular form hereinafter:-

Commission	Article	Purpose	Membership
State Finance Commission	Article 243-I	Appointed after every Five years. Reviews the financial position of Panchayats and Municipalities	Varies from State to State
State Election Commission	Article 243K	Conducts all elections to the Panchayats and Municipalities	Varies from State to State
Finance Commission	Article 280	Distribution of net proceeds of taxes between the Union and the states. Principles which should govern the grants-in aid to the States out of the Consolidated fund of India. Measures needed to augment the Consolidated fund of the State to supplement resources of Panchayats and Municipalities	Chairman and Four other Members. Twelve Finance Commissions have been appointed till date. Shri. C.Rangarajan is the Chairperson of 12 th Finance Commission.
Union Public Service Commission State Public Service Commission Joint Public Service Commission	Article 315	Conduct examinations for appointments to the services of the Union and the services of the State respectively. Advises the Government on method of recruitment to civil services, Disciplinary matters, claim for and award of a pension.	One-half of members shall have held office for at least ten years either under Government of State or Government of Union