

- Q) What makes the election in India democratic?
- In our country elections are conducted by an independent & very powerful election commission.
  - The chief election Commissioner is appointed by the President of India.
  - But once appointed, the Chief Election Commissioner is not answerable to the President or the government.

Very few election commissions in the world have such wide-ranging powers as the Election Commission of India.

- EC takes decisions on every aspect of conduct & control of elections from the announcement of elections to the declaration of results.

- It implements the Code of Conduct & punishes any candidate or party that violates it.
- During the election period, the EC can order the government to follow some guidelines, to prevent use and misuse of governmental powers to enhance its chances to win elections, or to transfer some government official.
- When on election duty, govt. officers work under the control of the EC & not the govt.