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22) What makes elections in India Democratic?

- > In India elections are conducted by an independent and very powerful Election Commission (EC).
- > ~~Election Commissioner~~ The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) is appointed by the President of India.
- > The Chief Election Commissioner is not answerable to the President or the government.
- > It enjoys the same kind of independence that the Judiciary enjoys.
- > The powers of Election Commission are :-

- * 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 & misuse of governmental power to enhance its chances to win elections, or to transfer some government officials.
- * When on election duty, government officers work under the control of the EC & not the government.