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26. What makes elections in India democratic?

Ans → In our country, elections are conducted by an independent and very powerful Election Commission (EC). It enjoys the same kind of independence that the judiciary enjoys.

- The chief Election Commissioner (CEC) is appointed by the president of India. But once appointed, the chief Election Commissioner is not answerable to the President or the govt.
- EC takes decisions on every aspect of conduct and control of elections from the announcement of elections to the declaration of results.
- It implements the code of conduct and punishes any candidate or party that violates it.
- During the election period, the EC can order the govt. to follow some guidelines, to prevent use and misuse of govt. power to enhance its chances to win elections, or to transfer some govt. officials.

- When on election duty, govt. officers work under the control of the EC and not the govt.