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CHAPTER - IX**ELECTION COMMISSION AND FINANCE COMMISSION**

131. (i) The Election Commission consisting of an Election Commissioner appointed by the President of India under the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) Regulation 1994 and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Municipal) Regulation, 1994 in whom the superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of electoral rolls for and the conduct of all elections of the Village Councils, Island councils and District Councils in the District of Nicobars in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, under this Regulation shall also be vested.
- (ii) Subject to the provisions of any law the conditions of service and the tenure of office of the Election Commission shall be such as the President of India may by rule determine:

Provided that the Election Commissioner shall not be removed from his office except in a like manner and on the like grounds as a Judge of a High Court and the conditions of service of the Election Commissioner shall not be varied to his disadvantage after his appointment.

- (iii) The Administrator shall when so requested by the Election Commissioner make available to the election Commissioner such staff as may be necessary for the discharge of the functions conferred on the Election Commissioner under sub-section (i).
132. (i) As soon as may be within one year from the commencement of the constitution of Village Council, Island council and District Council and thereafter at the expiry of every fifth year the President of India may constitute a Finance Commission to review the financial position of the councils and to make recommendations to the President as to,
- (a) the principles which should govern
 - (i) the determination of taxes, duties, tolls and fees which may be assigned to or appropriated by the councils;
 - (ii) the grant-in-aid to the Councils from the consolidated fund of India:
 - (b) the measures needed to improve the financial position of the councils;
 - (c) any other matter referred to the Finance Commission by the president or India in the interest of sound finances of the Councils.
- (ii) The President of India may by rules provide for the composition of the Commission, the qualifications which shall be required of the appointment of the members thereof and the manner in which they shall be selected.