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Central Administrative Tribunal

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Why is in news? Govt constantly removing bottlenecks for faster disposal of litigations in CAT across country, says Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh

The Central Administrative Tribunal had been **established under Article 323 -A** of the Constitution for **adjudication of disputes and complaints with respect to recruitment and conditions of service of persons appointed to public services and posts** in connection with the affairs of the **Union or other authorities** under the control of the Government.

In pursuance of Article 323-A, Parliament passed the **Administrative Tribunals Act in 1985**.

The act **authorizes the Central government** to establish one CAT and the state administrative tribunals.

This act opened a new chapter in the sphere of providing speedy and inexpensive justice to the aggrieved public servants.

CAT was set up during the Prime Ministership of Rajeev Gandhi.

There are 19 Benches in the CAT all over India.

The CAT is a **specialist body** consisting of **Administrative Members and Judicial Members** who by virtue of their specialized knowledge are better equipped to dispense speedy and effective justice.

A Chairman who has been a **sitting or retired Judge of a High Court** heads the CAT.

The Tribunal is guided by the **principles of natural justice** in deciding cases and is **not bound by the procedure prescribed by the Civil Procedure Code**.

Under Section 17 of the Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985, the Tribunal has been **conferred with the power** to exercise the same jurisdiction and authority in respect of contempt of itself as a **High Court**.

The conditions of service of the Chairman and Members are the **same as applicable to a Judge of High Court** as per the **Administrative Tribunals (Amendment) Act, 2006**.

The orders of the CAT are **challenged by way of a Writ Petition** under Article 226/227 of the Constitution before the **respective High Court** in whose territorial jurisdiction the Bench of the Tribunal is situated.

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