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# Governor - Removal

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**Why is in news?** Letter seeking removal of T.N Governor submitted

In recent years, the **bitterness between states and Governors** has been largely about the selection of the party to form a government, deadline for proving majority, sitting on Bills, and passing negative remarks on the state administration

Under **Article 155 and 156** of the Constitution, a Governor is appointed by the President and holds office “**during the pleasure of the President**”.

If this **pleasure is withdrawn** before completion of the five-year term, the Governor has to step down.

As the **President works on the aid and advice of the Prime Minister and the council of ministers**, in effect, the Governor can be appointed and removed by the central government.

## What Happens in case of Disagreements between the States and Governor?

There are **no provisions laid down in the Constitution** for the manner in which the Governor and the state must engage publicly when there is a difference of opinion.

The management of differences has traditionally been guided by respect for each other's boundaries.

## Recommendations by Various Commissions:

### **Sarkaria Commission (1988):**

It recommended that Governors are not sacked before completing their five-year tenure, except in “**rare and compelling**” circumstances.

The procedure of removal must allow the Governors an opportunity to explain their conduct, and the central government must give fair consideration to such explanation.

It was further recommended that **Governors should be informed of the grounds of their removal**.

### **Venkatachaliah Commission (2002):**

It recommended that ordinarily Governors should be allowed to complete their five-year term.

If they have to be removed before completion of their term, the **central government should do so only after consultation with the Chief Minister**.

### **The Punchhi Commission (2010):**

It suggested the deletion of the phrase “during the pleasure of the President” from the Constitution, because a Governor should not be removed at the will of the central government.

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Instead, he or she should be **removed only by a resolution of the state legislature.**