

Karnataka HC Sets Aside KPSC Chairperson's Suspension

The Karnataka High Court reinstated KPSC Chairperson Shivashankarappa S. Sahukar, setting aside his suspension by the Governor.

This case involves the Karnataka Governor's suspension of the KPSC Chairperson and the High Court's ruling on the legality of that action.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Karnataka High Court** reinstated **Shivashankarappa S. Sahukar** as the **KPSC Chairperson**.
- The **High Court** set aside the suspension order issued by the **Governor**.
- The court ruled that the **Governor** had acted without the **aid and advice of the State Cabinet**, making the suspension "**bad in law**".
- **President Droupadi Murmu** has referred the matter to the **Supreme Court** for an inquiry against **Shivashankarappa S. Sahukar** on allegations of misbehaviour.
- The suspension was initially due to allegations of **wrongdoing** against the **KPSC Chairperson**.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Public Service Commissions (PSCs) are **constitutional bodies** established under **Article 315** of the Indian Constitution.

The **Chairperson and members of a State Public Service Commission** are appointed by the **Governor** as per **Article 316**.

The **Chairperson and members of a State Public Service Commission** can only be removed by the **President**, as per **Article 317**.

Grounds for removal include **misbehaviour**, insolvency, or infirmity of mind or body.

In cases of **misbehaviour**, the **President** must refer the matter to the **Supreme Court** for an inquiry.

The **Governor** acts on the **aid and advice of the Council of Ministers** in most matters, as stipulated in **Article 163**.

The **Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC)** is the state agency responsible for recruiting candidates to various state civil service jobs in **Karnataka**.

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Karnataka HC quashed KPSC Chairperson's suspension by Governor, citing lack of Cabinet advice.

Syllabus Relevance: High - Involves constitutional bodies, powers of Governor and President, and a High Court ruling on constitutional procedure. Directly relevant to Unit 5.

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