

Parliament Panel Proves Charges Against Justice Yashwant Varma

A three-member inquiry committee formed under the Judges Inquiry Act found charges of unexplained cash against High Court Justice Yashwant Varma proved.

A statutory inquiry report under the Judges Inquiry Act, 1968, recommending action regarding the removal process of a High Court judge.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- A **three-member** inquiry committee was constituted under the **Judges Inquiry Act, 1968**.
- The committee was headed by **Supreme Court Justice Aravind Kumar**.
- The panel concluded that all charges against High Court **Justice Yashwant Varma** stand **proved**.
- The inquiry pertained to **unexplained cash** found in the **store room** of Justice Varma's official residence.
- The committee noted that the judge's explanation regarding the cash ownership was **evasive and unsatisfactory**.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Article 217(1)(b) states that a High Court judge may be removed by the President under **Article 124(4)**.

Article 124(4) specifies two grounds for removal of judges: **proved misbehaviour** or **incapacity**.

A removal motion against a judge requires signatures of **100 Lok Sabha members** or **50 Rajya Sabha members**.

The procedure for investigating charges against Supreme Court and High Court judges is regulated by the **Judges Inquiry Act, 1968**.

The inquiry committee formed under the 1968 Act comprises a Supreme Court judge, a **High Court Chief Justice**, and a **distinguished jurist**.

A removal motion must be passed in each House of **Parliament** by a **special majority**.

Special majority requires a majority of total membership and **two-thirds of members** present and voting.

REVISION FLASHCARD

Article 124(4) and Judges Inquiry Act 1968 govern the removal of judges for proved misbehaviour or incapacity.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance under Unit 5 for questions on Article 124(4), Article 217, and the Judges Inquiry Act, 1968.

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