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Supreme Court Agrees to Hear Plea Against Chief Election Commissioner

A petition was filed in the Supreme Court seeking the suspension of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over allegations of unilateral authority.

A judicial plea challenging the functioning and exercise of authority by the head of India's apex election body.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Supreme Court** agreed on Tuesday, **September 29, 2026**, to list and hear early a petition challenging Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.
- The petition was mentioned before Chief Justice of India **Surya Kant** by senior advocates representing the petitioner **Rakesh Kumar Singh**.
- The plea urged the apex court to direct that **Gyanesh Kumar** should not exercise the functions of **Chief Election Commissioner** pending final hearing.
- The petition raised allegations regarding the unilateral exercise of authority by the CEC in the name of the **Election Commission**.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The **Election Commission of India** is a permanent constitutional body established under **Article 324** of the Constitution of India.

Gyanesh Kumar took charge as the **26th** Chief Election Commissioner of India in **February 2025**.

The Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners are appointed by the **President of India** based on recommendations from a selection committee under the **Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners Act, 2023**.

Article 324(5) of the Constitution provides that the Chief Election Commissioner can be removed from office in like manner and on the like grounds as a Judge of the **Supreme Court**.

The Election Commission originally consisted only of a Chief Election Commissioner, but after the **Election Commissioner Amendment Act 1989**, it became a multi-member body.

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Article 324 of the Constitution governs the establishment and powers of the Election Commission of India.

Syllabus Relevance: Highly relevant for Indian Polity questions covering constitutional bodies and Election Commission provisions under Article 324.

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