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Q2

Critically examine the Supreme Court's judgement on 'National Judicial Appointments Commission Act, 2014' with reference to appointment of judges of higher judiciary in India.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2017 · GS II · 10 marks · Executive and Judiciary

Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary - Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity.

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Constitution (99th Amendment) Act, 2014

Inserted **Articles 124A** to 124C to create the **National Judicial Appointments Commission**; struck down in 2015.

NJAC Act, 2014

Statutory procedure for the Commission, including a two-member veto; fell with the amendment.

SCAORA v. Union of India (2015)

Five-judge Bench restored the collegium and held the NJAC and the 99th Amendment unconstitutional.

Second and Third Judges Cases

1993 and 1998 rulings that established judicial primacy and the collegium for appointment and transfer.

Article 50

Directive Principle requiring separation of the judiciary from the executive in the public services of the State.

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