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Q5

Discuss the role of Public Accounts Committee in establishing accountability of the government to the people.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2017 · GS II · 10 marks · Transparency and e-Governance

Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance - applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency and accountability and institutional and other measures.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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Article 148

Provides for the Comptroller and Auditor General of India as an independent constitutional auditor.

Article 151

Requires CAG reports on Union and State accounts to be laid before Parliament or the State legislature.

CAG (DPC) Act, 1971

Statute on the duties, powers and conditions of service of the CAG, including audit of Union and State expenditure.

Opposition chair convention (1967)

Practice that a member of the Opposition chairs the PAC, to strengthen scrutiny of the government of the day.

Estimates Committee and COPU

The other two financial committees of Parliament, covering estimates and public undertakings, alongside the PAC.

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