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Q1

In the light of recent controversy regarding the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVM), what are the challenges before the Election Commission of India to ensure the trustworthiness of elections in India?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2018 · GS II · 10 marks · Constitutional Bodies

Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.

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Article 324

Vests superintendence, direction and control of elections to Parliament and State legislatures in the **Election Commission of India**.

Representation of the People Act, 1951

Principal statute for conduct of elections, corrupt practices, and related Commission powers, read with the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961.

Subramanian Swamy v. ECI (2013)

Supreme Court held that a voter-verifiable paper audit trail is an indispensable requirement of free and fair elections.

VVPAT sample count (2019)

Supreme Court directed matching of VVPAT slips from five polling stations per Assembly constituency.

Law Commission 255th Report

Electoral-reform report covering, among other things, integrity and transparency of the election process; much of it still awaits legislation.

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