

(iii)-(iv) Considering the issues in the political parties, administrative orders of election commission of India greatly possess capacity to find better solution. Examine (200 words).

### ⇒ Introduction

Election commission of India is one of the few constitutional authorities, acts as an autonomous body. Whereas the several functions of ECI are:

- Administrative power
- Advisory power
- Quasi-judicial power

on the basis of the powers, administrative & quasi-judicial power empowers ECI to examine the issues/matters of any political party & refers its own decision.

### ■ Powers of ECI, regarding to the political parties' issues & the decision-making powers by ECI w.r.t that cases;

The exercise of powers conferred by Article 324 of the constitution, Section 29A of the Representation of the people act, 1951 & the rules of 5410 of the conduct of election & all the powers, enabling it in this behalf, ECI passes its powers, regarding to the issues of political parties;

i) By Reservations & allotment order of election symbols, 1968, ECI can provide the (by conditions & the necessary circumstances) as a national party and for a state party symbols to the parties in order to make the specification, Reservations, choice & allotment of symbols in the parliamentary and the assembly constituencies.

ii) As well as, ECI can make the restriction on the allotment of the symbols reserved for the state parties in state, where such parties are not recognised.

iii) ECI can raise the concessions to the candidates set up by an registered, unorganized party which has been unrecognised.

be recognized as in earlier days (more than 6 years back) as a national  
or state party.

(iv) power of the ECI in relation to split any recognized political  
party.

When the commission is satisfied on the information  
in its possession that, there are some rival groups, which have  
been created in the recognized party & they are demanding for  
new party - then on the basis of available facts & circum-  
stances of the rival sections & as well as from the opinion  
bases of recognized party, ECI can make its decision which  
shall be binding on all such rival sections/groups.

(v) Where having a power of ECI in case of amalgamation of  
two or more political parties.

(vi) ECI has the power to suspend or withdraw recognition of  
a recognized political party for its failure to observe  
the Model code of conduct or follow the lawful  
directions & the instructions of the commission.  
Court cases & controversies related to the paragraph 15 of  
the SYMBOLS ORDER, 1968.

(vii) CPI split: Prior to the 1968 order, CPI(M) got the recognition  
as a national party by ECI as it secured 9% & more  
than 4% in 3 states (WB, AP, Kerala) in 1961 on the basis of  
ideologies of Soviet Union & China.

(viii) INC split: Fallout between 'syndicate' & 'Indira' faction  
viz 1969 led to expelling of Indira Gandhi, & old symbol was  
given to the old party by ECI - while Indira Gandhi had  
to contest with new symbol.

(ix) AIDMK split: In some situations, where there was no division  
of rules, e.g.; AIDMK split, 1987 - after the death of MGR,  
his wife enjoyed the support of majority of MP/MLA while  
Jayalalitha enjoyed the support of majority of party workers &  
leaders. However the agreement was reached before  
ECI decision.