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- ③ The country is gradually losing its grip on the transparency regime. Do you agree with this view? Comment (200 words)

Central Information Commission (CIC) is the apex body under India's transparency regime to answer the citizens' quest for accountability.

Issues and Constraints faced by CIC

- (1) There is no centralised database of RTI applicants at the Centre / State level, resulting in decrease in transparency.
- (2) Delay in giving information, crossing the time limit of 30 days.
- (3) Exemption of information under sections 8 of RTI like in the name of national security and other vague expressions.
- (4) Political interference in matters of CIC.

- (5) Lack of monitoring and review mechanism to make CIC comply with RTI Act.
- (6) High pendency of case due to laxity of bureaucrats

Effects of changes introduced by RTI Amendment Act

- The appointment will be for such term as may be prescribed by the central govt.
thereby increases political interferences
- (2) The salaries, allowances and the other terms of service of CIC and IC by central government
- (3) Central govt prescribe the rules term and conditions
- (4) Status of CIC, though an par with Election Commissioner

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- the proposed changes have effects on
- ↳ Idea of federalism
 - ↳ Reduce the transparency and accountability on the part of the government
 - ↳ Reduces people's confidence in the government and public offices.

thus, transparency is getting subverted due to vague purposes. Govt. should clarify more to live upto the its protocols of transparency.