



DIVISIONAL COMMISSIONER

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INTRODUCTION

Divisional Commissioner is a link officer between state govt. and district collectors.

The post is held by a senior IAS officer.

This office was established first in 1829 to supervise district collectors.

In Rajasthan the office was ceased in 1962 and re-established in 1987.

First ARC was with the view that this post is useless.

It is known as 'Regional Commissioner' in Karnataka and 'Revenue Divisional Commissioner' in Odisha.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- He/she is Head of Revenue Administration at Division level.
- Has various powers and duties under Land Revenue Act, Panchayati Raj Act, Colonization Act, Excise Act, Forest Act, Arms Act, Land Development Act etc.
- Ensures proper & effective implementation of the various developmental schemes including poverty alleviation, civil supplies, employment generation, drinking water, primary health, primary education and development of infrastructure, etc.
- Ensures proper and effective co-ordination amongst the various organizations of the Government and public.

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- Removes the bottlenecks, if any, in the smooth implementation of the various development programme.
- Disposes off Appeals related to Establishment matters of Revenue Department, Zilla Panchyat, Municipal Corporation, Municipal bodies, Panchayat Act, Slum Act, Entertainment Duty Act, etc.
- Supervises, guides and controls the various offices in the division especially that of District Collectors, Chief Executive Officers of Zila Parishads, Superintendents of Police and Municipal Councils.
- Fills the annual confidential report of District Collectors etc.
- Controls personnel administration policy and related tasks.

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The Divisional commissioner is primarily the supervising authority of revenue and developmental administration in respect of all administrative wings of the division.

He co-ordinates the works of various departments under his division. He supervises the activities of different departments of the government, especially those engaged in development programmes, though varying in nature, are interlinked with each other. There are often a number of common problems which need immediate attention and get resolved by the DC at the divisional level.

The Commissioner is the effective agency to supervise and inspect the work all agencies of division.