MAYOR- POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

B.A. III (Paper-A)
Introduction

- Mayor is the Presiding Officer of Municipal Corporation.
- Mayor is the first citizen of the city.
- He is the civic head of the Corporation.
- All the powers and functions entrusted to the Mayor are regulated by The Punjab Municipal Amendment Act, 1994.
The Mayor is indirectly elected by the Municipal Corporation every year from amongst its members.

Along with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor is also elected for a period of one year.
The Punjab Municipal Amendment Act, 1994 reserves the office of Mayor of the Corp. by rotation in the following manner:

- 5% for SCs
- 2% for BCs
- 5% for women including women belonging to the SCs
REMOVAL

- The Mayor can be removed from his office by introducing No-Confidence motion by a majority of not less than 2/3\(^{rd}\) of members of the Corp. present and voting.
POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

- Being the civic head of the Corp. represents the city on ceremonial occasions
- Presides over the meetings of the Corp.
- Hears complaints from the general public and ventilate their grievances
- Access to all the records of the Corp.
POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

- Supervises and inspect the work of the Corp.
- Serves as channel of communication between the Municipal Commissioner and the state govt.
- Serves as ex-officio member of all the standing committees of the Corp.
By viewing the powers and functions entrusted to the Mayor, it can be said that his role and influence in Corp. is as a member, Presiding Officer and a civic head. Thus, his position is more of a figure head than an active functionary.

This is all due to his short tenure and indirect election.
Therefore, there is a need to strengthen his position by introducing direct election of the Mayor, appointing him for a period of more than one year say for 2-3 y and vesting him with more powers.
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