



Special Expenditure Observers

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Recently, the **Election Commission of India (ECI)** has appointed two **Special Expenditure Observers** for the forthcoming elections to the Legislative Assembly of Maharashtra.

- The Special Expenditure Observers are appointed in the exercise of the powers conferred on ECI under **Article 324 of the Constitution** and **the Representation of the People Act, 1951**.
- The Functions of the Special Expenditure Observers include:
 - To watch the conduct of Elections with special emphasis on controlling the abuse of money power, in consultation with the Chief Electoral Officer at respective constituencies.
 - To supervise and to monitor the work being done by the electoral machinery
 - To ensure stringent and effective enforcement action is undertaken based on intelligence inputs and complaints received through **C-VIGIL** and Voter Helpline.

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