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Critically analyse the functions of Attorney general of India? (150 W)

Ans:

Attorney general of India is a constitutional post taking power from article 76 of the constitution. Attorney general is to aid and advise the government on constitutional and legal matters.

Although, due to appointment of ~~Attorney~~ Attorney general as per pleasure of President, the post has been widely politicized as follows:

Criticism :-

1) During Indira Gandhi government, then A.G. Niren De supported government's stance on suspension of 'Right to life' during emergency.

2) In 2000, Soli Sorabji <sup>then A.G.</sup> was widely criticised for supporting demolition of Babri.





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3)

In, 2005, Milan K. Banerjee advised absolving Mayawati from Taj court case citing possible coalition with then UPA government.

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Similarly, Attavia was absolved by M.K. Banerjee in 2009 in Bofors case, citing family relations with ruling party heads

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In 2013, in Coal-gate scandal, then A.G. was widely criticised for misrepresenting facts in Supreme court.

Thus, no security of tenure, and appointment as per pleasure of President, who is advised by council of ministers has degraded the autonomy of Attorney generals and have made them just a 'political puppet'.

Excellent!