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Attorney-General of India

Appointment The Attorney-General of India is appointed by the President under Article 76 of the Constitution. A person qualified to be a judge of the Supreme Court is appointed to such a post. He is the highest legal adviser to the Govt. Of India and is consulted in all important cases. He also appears in the Supreme Court on behalf of the Govt. Of India to conduct important cases. **Functions:** The main functions of the AGI are:

1. to advise the Union Government in legal matters
2. to perform such other legal duties, which may be assigned to him by the President
3. to discharge such other functions conferred on him by or under the Constitution or any other law for the time being in force. **Terms of Office:** He holds office during the pleasure of the President and receives such remuneration as the President may determine. **Rights:** In pursuance of his duties, the Attorney-General has the right of audience in all courts in the territory of India. He has also a right to speak or take part in proceedings in either House of Parliament or in the joint session of two Houses or any Committee of the Parliament. He cannot, however, vote.



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