

• Why we study law?

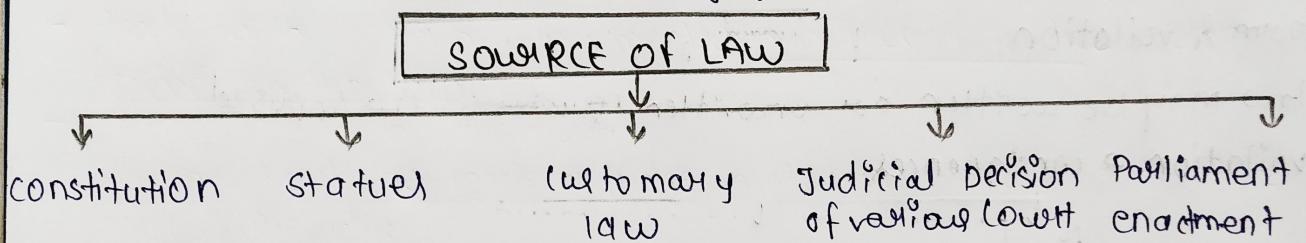
Awareness of law is essential to become a full-fledged CA.

CA is the first contact or many legal matters.

We should possess knowledge so can advise our management and clients.

• Law

is a set of obligations and duties imposed by government securing welfare and providing justice to society.



• History



Supreme Court

1951 codified

124 years

federal court in 1937

→ Public opinion on codes

Decision - criminal law

+ civil law

lists in Indian Constitution

Central List

contains matter which only central government has power to make laws :- defence, international relation, Railways, highways

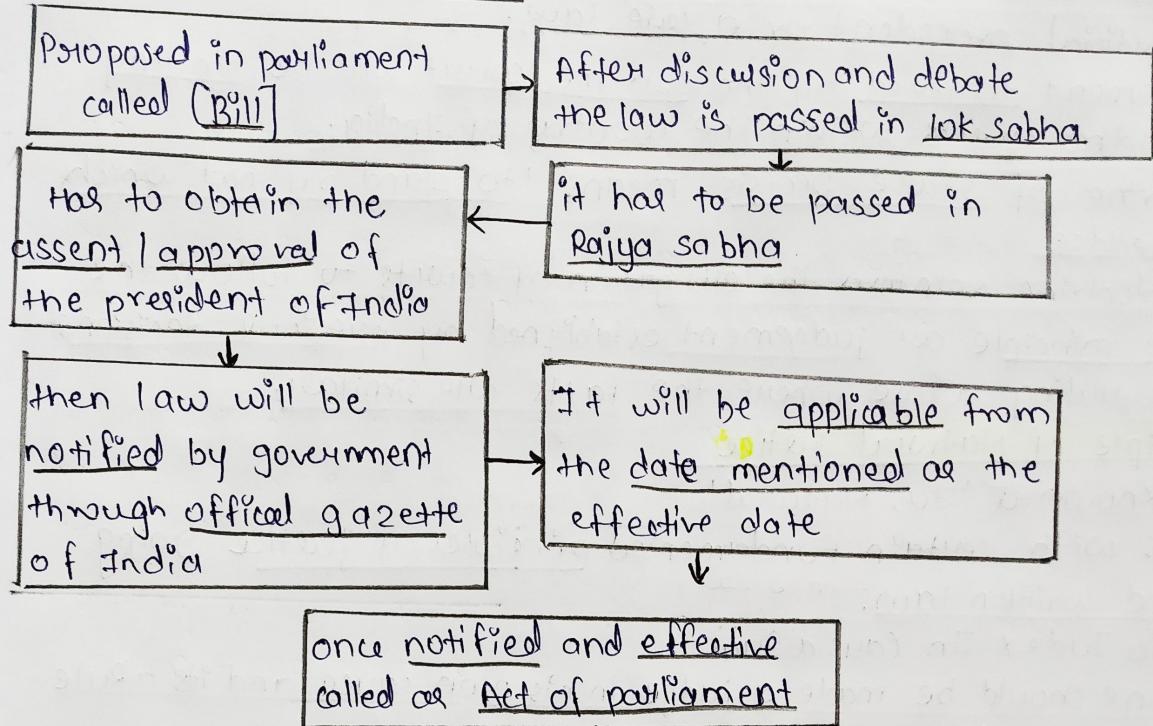
State List

contains matter over which only state government has power to make laws :- Public order, police, public health, Hospitals & dispensaries, sanitation, Agriculture.

Joint / Concurrent List

includes matter which both have power :- Justice, education, Trade Union, forests

Process of making law



Types of law

Criminal law

- concerned with law pertaining to violations of the rule of law or public wrongs and punishment of the same
- governed under Indian Penal Code 1860 and code of criminal procedure 1973
- IPC, 1860 - defines crime, its nature, and punishment
CrPC, 1973 - defines exhaustive procedure for executing the punishment.
- ex:- Murder, Rape, Theft, Assault, etc.

Civil law

- deals with matters of dispute between individual or organisation.
- primarily focus on dispute resolution rather than punishment.
- governed by the code of civil procedure 1908 (CPC)
- further classified into law of contract,
family law,
property law,
law of tort.

- ex:- breach of contract, non-delivery of goods, defamation, etc.

Common law

- A judicial precedent or a case law.
- Judgement delivered by the supreme court will be binding upon the courts within the country of India.
- Doctrine of stare decisis means 'to stand by that which is decided'
- This doctrine reinforces the obligation of courts to follow the same principle or judgement established by previous decisions while ruling a case where the facts are similar.

Principle of Natural Justice

- also known as 'Jus Natural'
- deals with certain fundamental principles of justice going beyond written law.
- Nemo Judex In Causa Sua
No one should be made a judge in his own cause and it's a rule against Prejudice
Audi Altum
Hear the other party or give the other party a fair hearing.
- A judgement can override or affect a common law, but it cannot override or change the statute.

Enforcing the law

the government of India exercises its executive authority through a few government ministers or departments of state

A ministry is composed of employed officials, known as civil servants and is politically accountable through a minister

Most major ministers are headed by a cabinet minister, who sits in the union council of ministers, and is typically supported by a team of junior ministers called ministers of state

• Major ministries under government of India

① Ministry of finance

- concerned with economy of India, serving as the treasury of India.
- covers taxation, financial legislation, financial institutions, capital markets, centre and state finances and the union budget.
- important function is the presentation of the union budget.

• Constitution of the ministry of finance

It is the apex controlling authority of four central civil service
Namely :- Indian Revenue Service

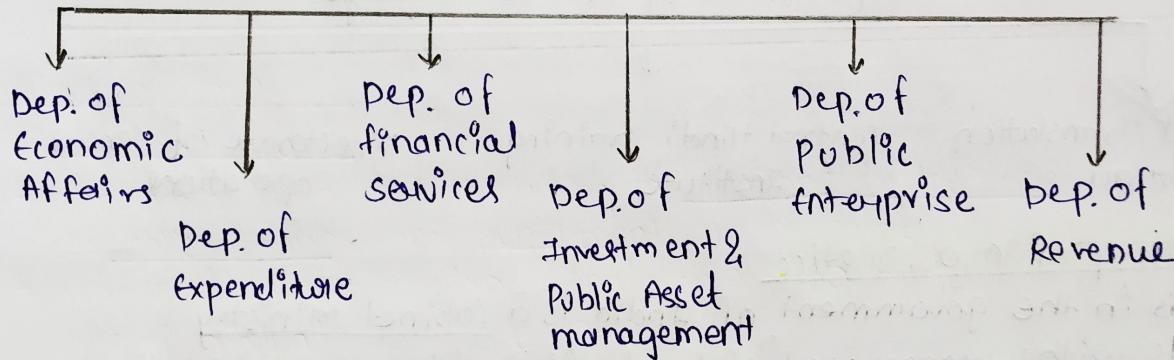
Indian Audit and Accounts Service

Indian Economic Service and

Indian Civil Accounts Service

Also controls Indian cost and management Accounts Service.

• Departments of ministry of finance



② Ministry of Corporate Affairs

- concerned with the administration of:

The Companies Act 2013

The Companies Act 1956

The Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016

- responsible for Regulation of Indian enterprise in the industrial and service sector

- It is mostly run by civil servants of ICLS cadre
(Indian corporate law service)

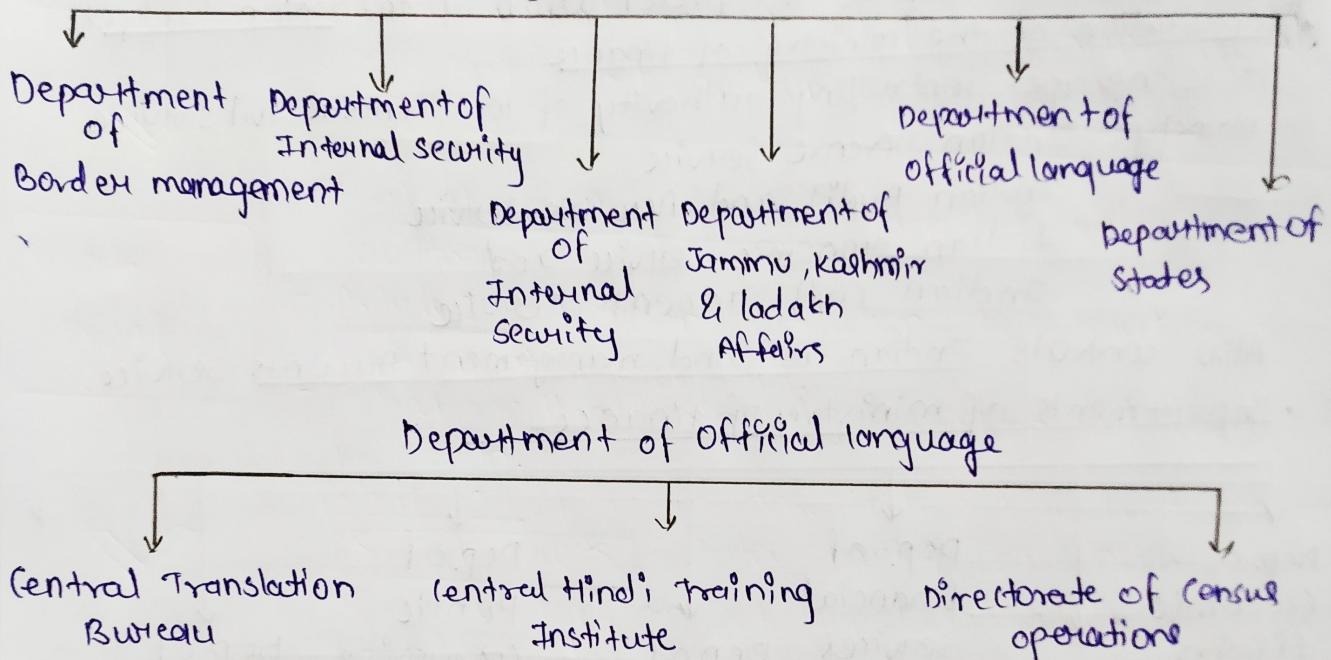
Are elected through the civil service examination → UPSC

- The highest post, Director general of corporate affairs (DCA) is fixed at Apex scale for the ICLS.

① Ministry of Home Affairs (Gruha Mantralaya)

- It is a ministry of the Government of India
- An interior ministry of India, is mainly responsible for the maintenance of internal security and domestic policy.
- headed by Union minister of Home Affairs.

Departments of ministry of Home Affairs



② Ministry of Law & Justice

- It is in the government of India is a Cabinet Ministry
- deals with :-
 - management of legal affairs through legislative Department
 - legislative activities through the Department of legal Affairs
 - Administration of justice in India through the Department of justice
- The department of legal Affairs is concerned with advising the various ministries of central government while the legislative Department is concerned with drafting of principal legislation for the central government.

Department of Ministry of law and justice

Department of legal Affairs

legislative Department

Department of Justice

① The securities and exchange Board of India (SEBI)

- is the regulatory body
- for securities and commodity market in India
- Under the ownership of ministry of finance within the government of India.
- It was established on 12th April 1988
- Statutory powers were given on 30th January 1992 through SEBI act 1992

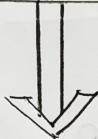
② Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

- India's central Bank & regulatory body responsible for regulation of Indian banking system
- Under the ownership of ministry of finance, Govt of India.
- Responsible for control, issue and maintaining supply of Indian rupee.
- Also manage the country's monetary systems and work to promote economic development.
- (BRBNM) Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudra is a specialised division of RBI through which it prints and mints Indian currency.
Nalhik (western India) & Dewar (central India)
- RBI established the National Payment Corporation of India to regulate the payment and settlements system of India.

■ Indian Judicial system

- Disputes between citizens or citizens and government are resolved by the judiciary (Dispute resolution)
- Regulation of the interpretation of the Acts and rules
- Promotion of fairness among the citizens of the land

Supreme Court



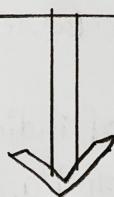
- apex body of the judiciary
- established on 26th January 1950
- chief justice of India is the highest authority [Article 124]
- principal bench - [7 members] including chief justice
presently - [34 including] chief justice
- An individual can seek relief in supreme court by filing a writ petition under Article 32.

High Court



- Highest court of appeal in each state and union territory.
- Article 214 of Indian Constitution: there must be a high court in each state.
- It has appellate, original jurisdiction and supervisory jurisdiction.
- Article 227 of Indian Cons. limits a high court's power.
- [25 high courts], 6 states sharing single high court
- An individual can seek remedies against violation of fundamental rights by filing a writ under Article 226

District Court



- Below the high court
- deals with civil matters (the court of District judge)
criminal matters (the court of sessions)
- suits valuing not more than 2 (more).
- territorial jurisdiction based on the area covered by them.
- cases are decided based on local limit.

Metropolitan Courts

- established in metropolitan cities in consultation with high court
- population is 10 lakh or more
- chief metropolitan magistrate = chief judicial magistrate.

Metropolitan magistrate = court of the magistrate.
(power ad)