US President

US President is the head of the state as well as head of the government . He is elected for the term of 4 years.He is elected by members of electoral college.

Qualifications: (i) He must atleast be 35 years of age

(ii)He must be a natural born US citizen

(iii) He must have been residing in America for the last 14 years

Powers and functions : The powers of US President can be divided into the following headings:-

1. Executive Powers: (a) It is the responsibility of the President to enforce properly the laws passed by the congress.It has been provided in Art 2 section III that “He shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed”.

(b) Maintenance of peace and order within the territory is also the responsibility of the President.

(c) Protection of the country against external invasion and domestic violence.

(d)President makes all higher appointments with the approval of the Senate.

(e) By Art 2 section II President has been made the Commander-in-Chief of the arm forces and makes military higher appointments. He makes rules regarding recruitment, training and conduct of the military.

(f) From 1921 the foreign policies of America is prepare by the President and then send it to the foreign affairs committees of the two houses of congress for approval.

(g) The President grants recognition to new states and new governments and this decision depends on personal discretion of the President.

(h)It is also the responsibility of the President to ensure that Republican governments are established in all the states.

2. Legislative Powers: President has both positive as well as negative legislative powers.

(a) President can send massages to the Congress as per necessity and recommends legislation on necessary subjects.

(b) The bills passed by the Congress need the approval of the President. President can reject the laws passed by the congress which is call Veto power of the President .The veto power of the president is of two kinds: (i) Suspensory veto: President can suspense the bill for sometimes.