

1. DISCUSS THE COMPOSITION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AT STATE LEVEL?

Unlike the members of the State Legislative Assembly, the members of the Legislative Council of the state are indirectly elected. The maximum strength of the Council is fixed at one-third of the total strength of the assembly and the minimum strength is fixed at 40. The strength of the council, therefore, depends on the strength of the assembly. It has been made to ensure the predominance of directly elected assembly. However, the actual strength of the Council is fixed by the Parliament.

Of the total number of members of a legislative council:

- 1/3 are elected by local bodies
- 1/12 are elected by graduates of three years standing and residing within the state
- 1/12 are elected by teachers of three years standing in the state, not lower than secondary standard school
- 1/3 are elected by the members of the legislative assembly of the state from amongst who are not members of the assembly
- The remaining 1/6 are nominated by the Governor from amongst person having a special knowledge and practical experience of literature, science, art, cooperative movement and social service

The members are elected on the basis of proportional system of representation by means of single transferable vote.

The composition of legislative council can be modified by the Union Parliament.