

1. HOW IS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF INDIA COMPARED WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT OF AMERICA?

The office of the Vice President of India is modeled on the lines of the American Vice President. However, the two offices are not of equal power and influence. The American Vice-President succeeds to the presidency when it falls vacant, and remains President for the unexpired term of his predecessor. The Indian Vice-President on the other hand, does not assume the office of the President when it falls vacant for the unexpired term. He merely serves as an acting President until the new President assumes charges.

It is crystal clear that the Constitution of India does not assign any significant function to the Vice – President. Some scholars view him as 'His Superfluous Highness'. This office was created with a view to maintain the political continuity of the Indian state.



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