MODEL PRACTICE QUESTION NO - 620 (11.02.2023)

1. "A STATE GOVERNOR ENJOYS TERM OF HIS/HER OFFICE DURING THE PLEASURE OF THE PRESIDENT." COMMENT.

As per the constitutional arrangement, the Governor of a state enjoys holds office for a term of five years from the date on which enters upon his office. However, his term is subject to the pleasure of the President. He can also resign from office at any time by addressing his resignation to the President.

The apex court held that the pleasure of the president is not judicially reviewable. The governor has no security of tenure and no fixed term of office. He may be removed by the President at any time as stated by the Supreme Court in Surya Narain vs Union of India case (1982). As the Constitution does not specify the grounds of a governor's removal, there are many instances in which the central governments have asked the sitting governors to resign. Usually, partisan affiliations of the Governors are seen as latent purpose of mass resignation or transfer of governors after a new government assumes charge in New Delhi. The governor may be transferred to other states and can be reappointed in the same state by the President.

