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## Minister without portfolio

- It has been announced that Senthil Balaji will continue as a minister without portfolio in the Tamil Nadu cabinet led by Chief Minister M K Stalin.



### **No responsibility... Have rights...**

- A non-portfolio minister is a member of the cabinet who does not head any ministry and is not responsible for any department.
- A non-portfolio minister has all the rights and privileges of a minister, including remuneration, participation in cabinet meetings and voting.
- Clause 3 of Article 166 of the Constitution of India states that “the Governor may make rules for the convenience of day-to-day operations of the State Government, allocation of portfolios to Ministers”.
- It is on this basis that a member of the legislature is allowed to continue as a minister without any portfolio.

### **So far in India**

- In 1950, Rajaji was appointed Minister without Portfolio in the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. Later, he became the Home Minister.
- In 1956 VK Krishnamenon was appointed Minister without portfolio and became Defense Minister in 1957.
- TT Krishnamachari, appointed as Minister without portfolio in 1962, was later made Finance Minister.
- In 1964, Lal Bahadur Shastri was appointed as Minister without portfolio and became Prime Minister after Nehru's death.

### **Corruption case and ministership**

- Only a person convicted by a court of law is disqualified from continuing as a member of the legislature. Then he cannot continue as a minister.

## **RBI Deputy Governor : Swaminathan Janakiraman**



- State Bank of India Managing Director Swaminathan Janakiraman from Tamil Nadu has been appointed as Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India.
- Apart from the Governor, the RBI is headed by four Deputy Governors
- Among them the Deputy Governors are appointed from among the officers of the Central Government
- One deputy governor from commercial banking institutions and one with economic expertise will be appointed as deputy governor
- Swaminathan Janakiraman, who hails from Kumbakonam and is the managing director of State Bank of India, has been appointed by the central government.
- He will hold office as Deputy Governor for a period of three years from the date of his assumption of office.

- Before such disqualification there is no legal requirement that a person facing corruption charges must be removed from the Cabinet.

**Attempts by the court**

- In 2014, a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court headed by then Chief Justice RM Lodha said that those facing corruption cases should not be made ministers.
- But no law has been laid down for this. The judges emphasized the expectation that Prime Ministers and Chief Ministers should act on moral grounds with constitutional responsibility in appointing ministers.
- In 2016, a Supreme Court bench headed by Justice Ranjan Gogoi in a corruption case against a member of the Legislative Assembly recommended to the constitutional body to deliberate and decide on the disqualification of the member once the charge sheet is filed instead of waiting for a court verdict.
- These efforts by the Supreme Court to prevent those accused of corruption from continuing as ministers are noteworthy

**Titanic tourist submersible goes missing in the Atlantic Ocean**

- Tourist submersible designed to tour Titanic undersea sinks in Atlantic Ocean
- In 1912, the Titanic, en route from Britain to America, hit an iceberg and sank
- The shipwreck was discovered in 1985, 740 kilometers off the US island of Newfoundland.
- OceanGate Expeditions, an American private company, designed a submarine to take tourists to visit the Titanic.
- Constructed of solid carbon fiber and titanium, the submarine was named the Titan Submarine. It can carry a maximum of five people
- According to reports, the rescue team is struggling not only with the depths of the sea but also with the dwindling time, with the submarine's crew said to have only enough oxygen to breathe for about 96 hours.

**Artificial intelligence : Information workers getting exploited**

- Many artificial intelligence based software like ChatGPT, DALL-E, Midjourney etc. have come into use
- Companies that have introduced this have started making profits by charging monthly fees from people
- But behind these artificial intelligence software to run successfully and safely is the work of thousands of employees
- They are called informants
- It is a sad fact that artificial intelligence software is created by exploiting the labor of data loggers.

**How does it work?**

- Artificial intelligence software does not run by itself
- When you ask ChatGPT a question, it gives you the correct answer. In order to give the correct answer like this, it should be trained by giving lakhs of information, news and hints

- If you give some cues and task the artificial intelligence to draw a picture, it will draw a new picture in seconds
- Behind this functionality is the 'label' mechanism. This means that all information about the image, its colors and shapes are entered by humans
- That means it will be labeled. These people who are involved in the labeling process are called informants
- Artificial intelligence doesn't always give the right answer. Since humans often check and confirm the accuracy of answers provided by artificial intelligence from learning, software improves its learning.
- It is the informants who do this job

### **Full human assistance**

- If artificial intelligence software provides dangerous, illegal information, it should be removed
- No artificial intelligence software has yet been developed to perform these tasks
- It is worth noting that artificial intelligence works best if there is full human interaction in information verification

### **Low wages**

- It's really exciting that artificial intelligence has created so many new types of tasks
- Many companies have become accustomed to exploiting these workers by underpaying them
- Most of these jobs can be done from home. As a result, women who stay at home, students, unemployed graduates are more involved in these jobs
- They pay around 100 to 150 Indian rupees for an hour's work
- Must work at least 4 hours to 8 hours a day. Companies install software on employees' computers to ensure that only these tasks are performed during working hours.

### **Necessity of Regulation**

- There is no problem with the technology of artificial intelligence. It's in the way of using it
- If used properly, it can bring many benefits to mankind
- But the biggest danger is the big companies that own the technology, says social activist Naomi Klein.
- These companies, which have announced various monthly payment plans for using artificial intelligence software, do not want to pay per-work to the employees who provide the backbone for it.
- These companies have no qualms about squeezing users and collecting fees on the one hand and on the other side exploiting their employees by laying off their workers. India needs to develop ethical and legal protections for these artificial intelligence operations. It is the imperative of time.