

SEDITION LAW

Prelims- Polity & Governance- Parliament

Mains- GS-II- Indian Constitution- Historical Underpinnings, Evolution, Features, Amendments, Significant Provisions and Basic Structure.

Context- MDMK general secretary Vaiko was sentenced to a prison term of one year by a special court for Sedition.

About:

- ✚ Section 124-A in the Indian Penal Code, named 'Sedition', explains sedition in wide and magnanimous terms.
- ✚ It says 'Whoever, by words, either spoken or written, or by signs, or by visible representation, or otherwise, brings or attempts to bring into hatred or contempt, or excites or attempts to excite disaffection towards the Government established by law in India' shall be punished with life imprisonment
- ✚ The explanations which the Indian Penal Code gives are that 'the expression 'disaffection' includes disloyalty and all feelings of hate.

Disqualification Under Representation of the People Act, 1951:

- ✚ Under **Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951** Disqualification for Conviction for 2 years or more than **2 years imprisonment.**