

**GS-II Powers, Functions and Responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.**

**1. Explain the role of Finance Commission on Fiscal Federalism in India.**

**Why this Question?**

- With the period of the Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) coming to an end, debates around India's federal fiscal architecture are gathering momentum.

**Key Demands of Question:**

- Explain Finance Commission and its role in the fiscal federalism in India.

**Directive Word:**

**Explain:**

- Here the student should clearly express why something happens, or why something is the way it is. He needs to look at a subject in depth taking note of the detail and if appropriate, consider the implications, and should explain them in good simple language.

**Structure of Answer:**

**Introduction:**

- Explain what fiscal federalism is. Give examples

**Body:**

- Explain in brief about the Finance Commission and its mandates.
- Explain in detail about the role of Finance Commission on fiscal federalism in India.
- Mention facts and figures wherever necessary. E.g. constitutional provision (articles regarding FC, Seventh Schedule, etc.)

**Conclusion:**

- Conclude with the significance of FC to overcome the challenges pertaining to the fiscal federalism.