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## **GS-II Functions and Responsibilities of the Union and the States**

### **1. Discuss the Powers, Functions and Role of a Rajya Sabha in a parliamentary Democracy like India.**

#### **Why this Question?**

- The Rajya Sabha came into being on April 3, 1952 and held its first session on May 13 the same year.

#### **Key Demands of Question:**

- Explain the various powers, functions and roles of the second chamber in India.

#### **Directive Word:**

#### **Discuss:**

- This is another common directive which is an all-encompassing one – you have to debate on paper by going through the details of the issues concerned by examining each one of them. You have to give reasons for both for and against arguments. And once all the discussion is done, a suitable apt conclusion may be given at the End of the Answer.

#### **Structure of Answer:**

#### **Introduction:**

- Give brief intro about the parliamentary democracy and need of the second chamber.

#### **Body:**

- Explain the various powers and functions of the Rajya Sabha.
- Discuss the various role carried out by second chamber.
- Discuss the recent performance of them.

#### **Conclusion:**

- Conclude with the significance of the Second Chamber in a Parliamentary Democracy like India.