



Oath by the Constitutional and other Authorities

1. OATH OR AFFIRMATION BY THE PRESIDENT

Every President and every person acting as President or discharging the functions of the President shall, before entering upon his office, make and subscribe in the presence of the Chief Justice of India or, in his absence, the senior most Judge of the Supreme Court available, an oath or affirmation in the following form, that is to say—

“I, A.B., do swear in the name of God
solemnly affirm that I will faithfully execute the office of President (or discharge the functions of the President) of India and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and the law and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of the people of India”.

2. OATH OR AFFIRMATION BY THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Every Vice-President shall, before entering upon his office, make and subscribe before the President, or some person appointed in that behalf by him, an oath or affirmation in the following form, that is to say –

“I, A.B., do swear in the name of God
solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established and that I will faithfully discharge

the duty upon which I am about to enter”.

3. OATH OR AFFIRMATION BY THE UNION MINISTERS

Before a Union Minister enters upon his office, the President shall administer to him the oath of office and oath of secrecy in the following two separate forms—

(i) Form of Oath of Office

“I, A.B., do swear in the name of God
solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India, that I will faithfully and conscientiously discharge my duties as a Minister for the Union and that I will do right to all manner of people in accordance with the Constitution and the law, without fear or favour, affection or ill-will”.

(ii) Form of Oath of Secrecy

“I, A.B., do swear in the name of God
solemnly affirm that I will not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person or persons any matter which shall be brought under my consideration or shall become known to me as a Minister for the Union except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties as such Minister.”

4. OATH OR AFFIRMATION BY A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT

A person shall not be qualified to be chosen to fill a seat in Parliament unless he makes and subscribes before some person authorised in that behalf by the Election Commission an oath or affirmation in the following form:

“I, A.B., having been nominated as a candidate to fill a seat in the Council of States (or the House of the People), do swear in the name of God
solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established and that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India”.

5. OATH OR AFFIRMATION BY MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT

Every member of either House of Parliament shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the President, or some person appointed in that behalf by him, an oath or affirmation in the following form:

“I, A.B., having been elected (or nominated) a member of the Council States (or the House of the People), do swear in the name of God
solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter”.

6. OATH OR AFFIRMATION BY THE JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT

Every person appointed to be a Judge of the Supreme Court shall, before he enters upon his office, make and subscribe before the President, or some person appointed in that behalf by him, an oath or affirmation in the following form :

“I, A.B., having been appointed Chief Justice (or a Judge) of the Supreme Court of India, do swear in the name of God
solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India, that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my ability, knowledge and judgment perform the duties of my office without fear or favour, affection or ill-will and that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws”.

7. OATH OR AFFIRMATION BY THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR-GENERAL OF INDIA

Every person appointed to be the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India shall, before he enters upon his office, make and subscribe before the President, or some person appointed in that behalf by him, an oath or affirmation in the following form:

“I, A.B., having been appointed Comptroller and Auditor-General of India,

do swear in the name of God
solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India, that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my ability, knowledge and judgment perform the duties of my office without fear or favour, affection or ill-will and that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws”.

8. OATH OR AFFIRMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Every Governor and every person discharging the functions of the Governor shall, before entering upon his office, make and subscribe in the presence of the Chief Justice of the High Court exercising jurisdiction in relation to the State, or, in his absence, the senior most Judge of that court available, an oath or affirmation in the following form, that is to say—

“I, A.B., do swear in the name of God
solemnly affirm that I will faithfully execute the office of Governor (or discharge the functions of the Governor) of ... (name of the State) and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and the law and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of the people of ... (name of the State).”

9. OATH OR AFFIRMATION BY THE STATE MINISTERS

Before a State Minister enters upon his office, the Governor shall administer to him the oath of office and oath of secrecy in the following two separate forms—

(i) Form of Oath of Office

“I, A.B., do swear in the name of God
solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India, that I will faithfully and conscientiously discharge my duties as a Minister for the State of ... and that I will do right to all manner of people in accordance with the Constitution and the law without fear or favour, affection or ill-will”.

(ii) Form of Oath of Secrecy

“I, A.B., do swear in the name of God
solemnly affirm that I will not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person or persons any matter which shall be brought under my consideration or shall become known to me as a Minister for the State of ... except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties as such Minister.”

10. OATH OR AFFIRMATION BY A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE

A person shall not be qualified to be chosen to fill a seat in the Legislature of a State unless he makes and subscribes before some person authorized in that behalf by the Election Commission an oath or affirmation in the following form:

“I, A.B., having been nominated as a candidate to fill a seat in Legislative Assembly (or Legislative Council), do swear in the name of God
solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established and that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India.”

11. OATH OR AFFIRMATION BY MEMBERS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE

Every member of the Legislative Assembly or the Legislative Council of a State shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor, or some person appointed in that behalf by him, an oath or affirmation in the following form:

“I, A.B., having been elected (or nominated) a member of the Legislative Assembly (or Legislative Council), do swear in the name of God
solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.”

12. OATH OR AFFIRMATION BY THE JUDGES OF HIGH COURTS

Every person appointed to be a Judge of a High Court shall, before he enters upon his office, make and subscribe before the Governor of the State, or some person appointed in that behalf by him, an oath or affirmation in the following form:

“I, A.B., having been appointed Chief Justice (or a Judge) of the High Court at (or of) ..., do swear in the name of God
solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India, that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my ability, knowledge, and judgment perform the duties of my office without fear or favour, affection or ill-will and that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws.”

13. OATH OR AFFIRMATION BY THE CENTRAL VIGILANCE COMMISSIONER OR VIGILANCE COMMISSIONER

The Central Vigilance Commissioner or a Vigilance Commissioner shall, before he enters upon his office, make and subscribe before the President, or some other person appointed in that behalf by him, an oath or affirmation in the following form:

“I, A.B., having been appointed Central Vigilance Commissioner (or Vigilance Commissioner) of the Central Vigilance Commission, do swear in the name of God
solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India, that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my ability, knowledge and judgment perform the duties of my office without fear or favour, affection or ill-will and that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws.”

14. OATH OR AFFIRMATION BY THE CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER/THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

The Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner shall, before he enters upon his office, make and subscribe before the President or some other person appointed by him in that behalf, an oath or affirmation in

the following form:

“I, ..., having been appointed Chief Information Commissioner/Information Commissioner, do swear in the name of God solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India, that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my ability, knowledge and judgment perform the duties of my office without fear or favour, affection or ill-will and that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws.”

15. OATH OR AFFIRMATION BY THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER/THE STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

The State Chief Information Commissioner or a State Information Commissioner shall, before he enters upon his office, make and subscribe before the Governor or some other person appointed by him in that behalf, an oath or affirmation in the following form:

“I,, having been appointed State Chief Information Commissioner/State Information Commissioner, do swear in the name of God solemnly affirm that I will bear truth faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India, that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my ability, knowledge and judgment perform the duties of my office without fear or favour, affection or ill-will and that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws.”