

of government broadcaster Prasar Bharati. There is a PIL filed by Common Cause in Supreme Court to remove this restriction.

- **Statement 2 is not correct.** Private radios are not regulated by PCI. There is a necessity of bringing Television and radio need to be brought within the scope of the Press Council of India or a similar regulatory body. There is a self-regulatory mechanism but no independent complaint redressal mechanism to deal with citizens complaint about the content of broadcast. The Supreme Court has recently ordered the government to setup such a mechanism.

Q 12.D

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Swaraj Party was formed in the The Gaya Session of the INC 1922, which was presided by C. R, Das
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The second session of the INC was held in Calcutta and presided by Dadabhai Naoroji.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** While the word 'swaraj' was used for the first time INC Calcutta session of 1906, the resolution for 'Purna Swaraj' was passed in 1929 at INC Lahore session

Q 13.A

- **Chief Information Commission:**
 - The Commission consists of a Chief Information Commissioner and not more than ten Information Commissioners. They are appointed by the President on the recommendation of a committee consisting of the Prime Minister as Chairperson, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and a Union Cabinet Minister nominated by the Prime Minister. They should be persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance.
 - The Chief Information Commissioner and an Information Commissioner **hold office for a term of 5 years** or until they attain the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier. They are not eligible for reappointment.
 - The **CIC submits an annual report to the Central Government** on the implementation of the provisions of this Act. The Central Government places this report before each House of Parliament.
- **Chief Vigilance Commission:**
 - The CVC is a multi-member body consisting of a Central Vigilance Commissioner (chairperson) and not more than two vigilance commissioners. They are appointed by the president by warrant under his hand and seal on the recommendation of a three-member committee consisting of the prime minister as its head, the Union minister of home affairs and the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha.
 - They **hold office for a term of 4 years** or until they attain the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier. After their tenure, they are not eligible for further employment under the Central or a state government.
 - The **CVC has to present annually to the President a report on its performance.** The President places this report before each House of Parliament.

Q 14.A

- Impatiens is a genus of about 850 to 1,000 species of flowering plants, widely distributed throughout the Northern Hemisphere and the tropics. Common names include impatiens, **jewelweed**, **touch-me-not**, snapweed, patience, and, "busy lizzie", as well as, ambiguously, balsam. They are seen in pristine forests where moisture content and relative humidity are high. Two new critically endangered balsams (impatiens) plant species were spotted on the peripheries of the Eravikulam National Park in Kerala. The new species of balsams (impatiens) **Impatiens Mankulamensis** and **Impatiens panduranganii** were discovered from the shola forests on the periphery of the park and Mankulam forests. These plants normally bear flowers in the rainy (Monsoon) season of July to October. Their flowers are white in colour with a pink border. They have been included in the critically endangered category of IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature).

Q 15.A

- The N.K. Singh panel recently submitted its report on revising the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act.