

VIII. Election of Mayor/Chairperson/President

10. *The issue in this regard is as to how would the Mayor/Chairperson/ President of any Municipality be elected?*

- (1) The views of any State Government, in this regard, would be guided by their political perceptions and traditions prevailing in the State.
- (2) It is noteworthy that in Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, West Bengal, Maharashtra and Gujarat, the Mayors/Chairpersons are elected from amongst the elected Councillors, i.e. by an “indirect election”.
- (3) In Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, Mayors/Chairpersons are elected “directly” through adult franchise.
- (4) The issue in this regard is that there may be situations where the Mayor may not belong to the party having the majority in the Municipality. Thus, a “direct” election of Mayor may have difficult political implications.

Provisions Made in the Municipal Law

- 11.** *Clause 23 of the Municipal Law provides that the Mayor/the Municipal Chairperson/the Municipal President, as the case may be, shall be elected by the elected Councillors from among themselves.*