

CHAPTER XXIV

**THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER FOR
ADMINISTRATION**

Parliamentary
Commissioner for
Administration.

225. (1) Parliament shall by law provide for the establishment of the office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) charged with the duty of investigating and reporting upon complaints or allegations of the infringement of fundamental rights and other injustices by officers in the service of the State, officers of public corporations and local authorities and other like institutions, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of such law.

(2) The Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration shall be appointed by the President and shall hold office during good behaviour.

(3) The salary of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration shall be determined by Parliament and shall not be reduced during the term of office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.

(4) The office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration shall become vacant-

- (a) upon death;
- (b) on resignation in writing addressed to the President;
- (c) on attaining the age fixed by law ;
- (d) on removal by the President on account of ill health or physical or mental infirmity; or
- (e) on removal by the President on an address of Parliament.

(5) Whenever the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration is unable to perform and discharge the duties and functions of the office, the President shall appoint a person to act in place of the Parliamentary Commissioner.

(6) (a) Parliament may by law provide for the establishment of one or more offices of Deputy Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) charged with the duty of investigating and reporting upon such categories of complaints or allegations referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article as are specified in such law.

(b) Every Deputy Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) shall be appointed by the President and shall hold office during good behaviour.

(7) Until Parliament otherwise provides, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration Act, No. 17 of 1981 shall, for the purposes of paragraph (1), be deemed to be a law enacted by Parliament providing for the establishment of the office of Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman).