

✓ Election is held in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of single transferable vote.

✓ Out of 9 UTs, only three have representation in Rajya Sabha. They are - Delhi, Puducherry and Jammu & Kashmir.

■ **Nominated Members:**

✓ The President of India nominates 12 members to the Rajya Sabha from people who have special knowledge or practical experience in art, literature, science and social service.

■ **Duration of Rajya Sabha:**

✓ The institution of Rajya Sabha was first constituted in 1952.

✓ It is a permanent body and not subject to dissolution.

✓ One-third of its members retire every second year. Their seats are filled up by fresh elections and presidential nominations at the beginning of every third year.

✓ The retiring members are eligible for re-election and re-nomination any number of times.

✓ The constitution of India does not provide any fixed term of office of members of the Rajya Sabha.

✓ The Representation of the Peoples Act (1951) provided that the term of office of a member of the Rajya Sabha shall be six years.