

Difference between District Collector and Deputy Commissioner is explained here in detail.

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Deputy Commissioner is the Executive Head of a District. Deputy Commissioner reports to the Divisional Commissioner (Secretary rank officers at the State Level). The Deputy Commissioner does different roles depending on different occasions.

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The major differences between district collector and deputy commissioner are:

District Collector	Deputy Commissioner
The Deputy Commissioner as a District	Deputy Commissioner is the Executive Head

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<p>A Deputy Commissioner while functioning as District Collector has the following roles and responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducts Revenue Court • Collection of Excise Duties, Irrigation Dues, Income Tax dues and arrears. • Undertakes Relief and Rehabilitation Works • Arbitrator of land acquisition, collection of land revenue. • Maintain accurate land records. • Power to issue various statutory certificates such as Nationality, Domicile, Marriage, SC/ST, OBC, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) certificates • The District Collector is the highest Judicial Authority in the District. 	<p>Deputy Commissioner while discharging his roles and responsibilities as Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate is mentioned below</p> <p>Deputy Commissioner - Roles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Commissioner is the executive head of the civil administration, all departments in the district • Plays an important role in the administration of municipal committees • For elections to Lok Sabha constituencies of his district, Deputy Commissioner functions as Returning Officer. • Deputy Commissioner plays an important role in the decennial census. • The Deputy Commissioner controls and regulates the distribution of scarce essential commodities, etc. • Deputy Commissioner plays an important role in the Panchayats, Zilla Parishads, Market Committees, community development blocks <p>District Magistrate - Deputy Commissioner while discharging his role as a District Magistrate has the following functions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining Law and Order of the District. • Deputy Commissioner while executing

	<p>his role as a District Magistrate is the head of the criminal administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District Magistrate has powers over the administration of lock-ups and jails in the district. • The District Magistrate controls and directs the actions of police. <p>Deputy Custodian - Deputy Commissioner apart from playing the role of Deputy Commissioner, District Collector and District Magistrate; he/she also plays the role of Deputy Custodian. As a Deputy Custodian the roles are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotment of shops, houses in urban areas • Disposal of cases regarding evacuee property • Allotment of houses, land in rural areas • Can revise the orders of Tahsildars.
<p>In the Revenue Department, District Collector is assisted by Additional District Collector also known as District Revenue Officer (DRO). The District Revenue Officer is assisted by Deputy Collectors.</p>	<p>Deputy Commissioner is assisted by the following officers for carrying out everyday tasks of the administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Deputy Commissioner • Assistant Commissioner (General) • Assistant Commissioner (Grievances) • Executive Magistrate • District Revenue Officer • District Development and Panchayat Officer • Sub Divisional Magistrates • Civil Defense Officer • Urban Ceiling Officer

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