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Composition and Functions of the Cabinet Committees

1) **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.**

Composition

Prime Minister.
Shri P. Chidambaram, Minister of Home Affairs.
Minister in-charge of the concerned Ministry.

Functions

- i) To take decisions in respect of the appointments specified in Annexure I to the First Schedule to the Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1961;
- ii) to take decisions in respect of the empanelments specified in Annexure II to the First Schedule to the Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1961;
- iii) to decide all cases of disagreement relating to appointments between the Department or Ministry concerned and the Union Public Service Commission;
- iv) to decide all cases of disagreement relating to appointments to board-level positions in public sector enterprises between the Department or Ministry concerned and the Public Enterprises Selection Board; and
- v) to consider and decide representations and memorials from officers of the rank of Joint Secretary or equivalent and above, except from those in their cadre posts, against adverse remarks.

2) **Cabinet Committee on Accommodation.**

Composition

Shri A.K. Antony, Minister of Defence.
Shri M. Veerappa Moily, Minister of Law and Justice.
Shri S. Jaipal Reddy, Minister of Urban Development.
Kumari Selja, Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Minister of Tourism.
Shri G.K. Vasan, Minister of Shipping.
Shri Mukul Wasnik, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Functions

- i) To determine the guidelines or rules and terms and conditions to govern out-of-turn allotment of Government accommodation;
- ii) to decide upon the allotment of Government accommodation to various categories of non-eligible persons and organizations and rate of rent to be charged from them;
- iii) to consider the question of allotment of accommodation from the General Pool to the Members of Parliament;

- iv) to consider proposals regarding shifting of the existing Central Government Offices to places outside Delhi and the location of new offices in Delhi; and
- v) to consider and decide upon the proposals relating to :-
 - a) revision of scales of accommodation to various categories of persons;
 - b) revision of licence fee for various types of Government accommodation; and
 - c) other matters, like allotment of accommodation to the various categories of Central Government servants from the 'Central Pool' or 'Special Pool'.

3) **Cabinet Committee on Prices.**

Composition

- Prime Minister.
- Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of Finance.
- Shri Sharad Pawar, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
- Shri P. Chidambaram, Minister of Home Affairs.
- Km. Mamata Banerjee, Minister of Railways.
- Shri Murli Deora, Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas.
- Smt. Ambika Soni, Minister of Information & Broadcasting.
- Shri B.K. Handique, Minister of Mines and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region.
- Shri Anand Sharma, Minister of Commerce & Industry.
- Shri M.K. Alagiri, Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

Special Invitees

- Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.
- Shri Prithviraj Chavan, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

Functions

- i) To monitor the general price situation in the country and to decide upon the appropriate corrective measures;
- ii) to assess the internal availability of all essential and agricultural commodities and to authorise effective steps;
- iii) to take decisions on export of all essential and agricultural commodities particularly from Food Corporation of India stocks keeping in view the price implications for the domestic market;
- iv) to consider measures required for making the Public Distribution System more efficient and effective and to determine the prices of articles supplied through the System; and
- v) to review measures regarding enforcement of the Essential Commodities Act and other related statutory provisions.

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4) **Cabinet Committee on WTO Matters.**

Composition

Prime Minister.
Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of Finance.
Shri Sharad Pawar, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.
Shri P. Chidambaram, Minister of Home Affairs.
Shri M. Veerappa Moily, Minister of Law and Justice.
Shri Dayanidhi Maran, Minister of Textiles.
Shri A. Raja, Minister of Communications & Information Technology.
Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of Human Resource Development.
Shri Anand Sharma, Minister of Commerce & Industry.

Special Invitees

Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.
Shri Prithviraj Chavan, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

Function

To consider and decide on issues pertaining to the World Trade Organization.

5) **Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs.**

Composition

Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of Finance.
Shri Sharad Pawar, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.
Shri P. Chidambaram, Minister of Home Affairs.
Km. Mamata Banerjee, Minister of Railways.
Shri M. Veerappa Moily, Minister of Law & Justice.
Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Minister of New and Renewable Energy.
Shri Vayalar Ravi, Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs.
Shri Dayanidhi Maran, Minister of Textiles.
Smt. Ambika Soni, Minister of Information & Broadcasting.
Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs.

Special Invitees

Shri Prithviraj Chavan, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

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Shri V. Narayanasamy, Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning and
Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

Functions

- i) To watch the progress of Government business in Parliament and to give such directions as may be necessary from time to time, in order to secure smooth and efficient conduct of such business;
- ii) to scrutinize, and to consider the attitude of the Government on, non-official bills and resolutions to be presented to Parliament;

Note: The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, may take a decision in cases, where the recommendation of the concerned Ministry/ Department is that the non-official Bill / Resolution may be opposed, or the Members may be persuaded/requested to withdraw the Bill / Resolution, falling which it may be opposed. Decisions so taken by the Minister may be placed before the Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs or if no meeting of the Committee is envisaged, within a reasonable period of time, these may be circulated to the Members of the Committee for ratification.

- iii) to review legislations undertaken by State Legislatures from an all-India point of view; and
- iv) to consider proposals to summon or prorogue the Houses of Parliament.

The committee will be serviced by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

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