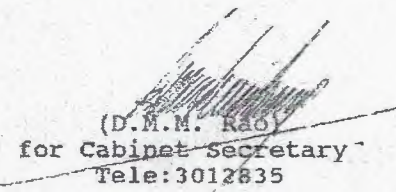


New Delhi, the 9th May, 1997.
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In continuation of Cabinet Secretariat Memo. of even number dated the 2nd May, 1997, the undersigned is directed to say that it has been decided, with the approval of the Prime Minister, to reconstitute the following Cabinet Committees. The composition and functions of the said Committees are indicated in Annexure.

- (1) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.
- (2) Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs.
- (3) Cabinet Committee on Prices.
- (4) Cabinet Committee on Scheduled Castes
Scheduled Tribes and Minorities.
- (5) Cabinet Committee on Commemoration of 50th
Anniversary of India's Independence.


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COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CABINET COMMITTEES

(1) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.

Composition

- Prime Minister.
- Shri Chaturanan Mishra,
Minister of Agriculture,
Minister of Civil Supplies, Consumer
Affairs & Public Distribution and
Minister of Food.
- Shri Murasoli Maran,
Minister of Industry.
- Shri P. Chidambaram,
Minister of Finance.
- Shri Yerran Naidu K.,
Minister of Rural Areas and Employment.
- Shri Bolla Buli Ramaiah,
Minister of State (Independent charge)
of the Ministry of Commerce.

Special Invitee

- Prof. Madhu Dandavate,
Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.

Functions

- i) To review on a continuous basis economic trends, problems and prospects with a view to evolving a consistent and integrated economic policy framework for the country;
- ii) to direct and coordinate all activities in the economic field requiring policy decisions at the highest level;
- iii) to deal with matters relating to fixation of prices of agricultural products and price controls of industrial raw materials and products, industrial licensing policies and foreign investment policies;
- iv) to deal with price increases for essential commodities or bulk goods under any form of formal or informal control including increase in salaries or wages in the case of a large number of employees;
- v) to lay down priorities for public sector investment and to consider specified proposals for investment as cleared by the Public Investment Board.

- vi) to deal with industrial licensing cases involving proposals from Central Ministries for the establishment of Joint Sector Undertakings;
- vii) to review the performance of Public Sector Enterprises;
- viii) to review progress for rural development including that relating to small and marginal farmers; and
- ix) to review the progress of production of coal, oil and power and developments in the energy sector, both in India and abroad.

(2) Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs

Composition

- Shri Ram Vilas Paswan,
Minister of Railways.
- Shri Balwant Singh Ramoowalia,
Minister of Welfare.
- Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya,
Minister of Steel and Minister of Mines.
- Shri Chaturanan Mishra,
Minister of Agriculture,
Minister of Civil Supplies, Consumer
Affairs & Public Distribution and
Minister of Food.
- Shri Janeshwar Mishra,
Minister of Water Resources.
- Shri R.L. Jalappa,
Minister of Textiles.
- Shri S. Jaipal Reddy,
Minister of Information and Broadcasting.
- Shri Srikanta Kumar Jena,
Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and
Minister of Tourism.
- Shri T.G. Venkatraman,
Minister of Surface Transport.
- Shri Yerran Naidu K.,
Minister of Rural Areas and Employment.
- Shri Ramakant D. Khalap,
Minister of State (Independent charge) of
the Ministry of Law and Justice.
- Shri S.R. Balasubramoniyam,
Minister of State in the Ministry of
Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
and Minister of State in the Ministry
of Parliamentary Affairs.

Dr. U. Venkateswarlu,
Minister of State in the Ministry of Urban
Affairs and Employment 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 scrutinise, and to consider the attitude of the Government on, non-official bills and resolutions to be presented to Parliament;
- iii) to maintain a review from an all-India point of view of legislations undertaken by State Legislatures; and
- iv) to consider proposals to summon or prorogue the Houses of Parliament.

(3) Cabinet Committee on Prices.

Composition

- Shri P. Chidambaram,
Minister of Finance.
- Shri Chaturanan Mishra,
Minister of Agriculture,
Minister of Civil Supplies, Consumer
Affairs & Public Distribution and
Minister of Food.
- Shri Murasoli Maran,
Minister of Industry.
- Shri Ram Vilas Paswan,
Minister of Railways.
- Shri Bolla Buli Ramaiah,
Minister of State (Independent charge) of
the Ministry of Commerce.

Special Invitees

- Prof. Madhu Dandavate,
Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.
- Shri Yoginder K. Alagh,
Minister of State (Independent charge)
of the Ministry of Planning and Programme
Implementation and Minister of State
(Independent charge) of the Ministry of
Science and Technology.

Dr. U. Venkateswarlu,
Minister of State in the Ministry of Urban
Affairs and Employment 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 balancing steps, including imports, to be taken;
- iii) to take decisions on export of all essential and agricultural commodities keeping in view the price implications for the domestic market; and
- 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.

(4) Cabinet Committee on Scheduled Castes
Scheduled Tribes and Minorities

Composition

- Prime Minister.
- Shri Balwant Singh Ramoowalia,
Minister of Welfare.
- Shri Indrajit Gupta,
Minister of Home Affairs.
- Shri M. Arunachalam,
Minister of Labour.
- Shri P. Chidambaram,
Minister of Finance.
- Professor Saifuddin Soz,
Minister of Environment and Forests.
- Shri S. Jaipal Reddy,
Minister of Information and Broadcasting.
- Shri S.R. Bommai,
Minister of Human Resource Development.
- Shri Yerran Naidu K,
Minister of Rural Areas and Employment.
- Capt. Jai Narayan Prasad Nishad,
Minister of State (Independent charge)
of the Ministry of Non-Conventional
Energy Sources.

Dr. U. Venkateswarlu,
Minister of State in the Ministry of Urban
Affairs and Employment and Minister of
State in the Ministry of Parliamentary
Affairs.

Special Invitee

Prof. Madhu Dandavate,
Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.

Functions

- (i) All matters pertaining to the protection of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Minorities, especially their protection against any violation of their life, liberty, property and other rights.
- (ii) All matters concerning elimination of exploitation of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Minorities.
- (iii) All matters relating to the socio-economic development programmes aimed at bridging the gap between the SCs, STs and Minorities and the rest of Society in a time-bound manner.

(5). Cabinet Committee on Commemoration of 50th Anniversary of India's Independence.

Composition

- Shri Indrajit Gupta,
Minister of Home Affairs.
- Shri S. Jaipal Reddy,
Minister of Information and Broadcasting.
- Shri S.R. Bommai,
Minister of Human Resource Development.
- Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav,
Minister of Defence.
- Shri P. Chidambaram,
Minister of Finance.
- Shri C.M. Ibrahim,
Minister of Civil Aviation.

Functions

To take all decisions on behalf of the Government in connection with the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of India's Independence including sanction of expenditure, posts, allotment of office accommodation, creation of other infrastructural facilities and all other matters to ensure an efficient and successful organisation of the celebrations.