

New Delhi, the 14th December, 1998.
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Subject : Composition of Cabinet Committees

The undersigned is directed to say that it has been decided, with the approval of the Prime Minister, to revise the composition and functions of Cabinet Committee on Prices as under:-

Composition

Prime Minister.
Shri L.K. Advani,
Minister of Home Affairs.
Shri Sikander Bakht,
Minister of Industry.
Shri Surjit Singh Barnala,
Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers
and Minister of Food and Consumer Affairs.
Shri Ramakrishna Hegde,
Minister of Commerce.
Shri Nitish Kumar,
Minister of Railways.
Shri Yashwant Sinha,
Minister of Finance.
Shri Babagouda Patil,
Minister of State (Independent charge)
of the Ministry of Rural Areas and
Employment.

Special Invitee

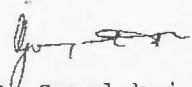
Shri Jaswant Singh,
Minister of External Affairs and
Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.
Shri Sompal,
Minister of State in the Ministry
of Agriculture.

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;

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- 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;
- v) to review establishment of cold storage chains and food processing facilities in the country; and
- vi) to review measures regarding enforcement of the Essential Commodities Act and other related statutory provisions.


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