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The undersigned is directed to say that it has been decided, with the approval of the Prime Minister, to revise the composition of the following Cabinet Committees:-

- (1) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.
- (2) Cabinet Committee on Prices.
- (3) Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure.
- (4) Cabinet Committee on Scheduled Castes
Scheduled Tribes and Minorities.
- (5) Cabinet Committee on Science and Technology.
- (6) Cabinet Committee on Disinvestment.

2. There is no change in the composition of the following remaining Cabinet Committees :-

- (1) Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.
- (2) Cabinet Committee on Accommodation.
- (3) Cabinet Committee on Foreign Investment.
- (4) Cabinet Committee on Foreign Trade.
- (5) Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs.
- (6) Cabinet Committee on Security.

3. A consolidated list showing the composition and functions of the Committees indicated in para 1, duly revised, and that of the remaining Committees indicated in para 2 is at Annexure.


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CABINET SECRETARIAT

COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CABINET COMMITTEES

(1) Appointments Committee of the Cabinet

Composition

Prime Minister.
Shri L.K. Advani,
Home Minister.
Minister in-charge of the concerned
Ministry.

Functions

- i) To take decisions in respect of appointments specified in Annexure I to the First Schedule to the Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules;
- 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;
- 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 from officers of the rank of Joint Secretaries or equivalent and above against adverse remarks.

(2) Cabinet Committee on Accommodation

Composition

Shri Jagmohan,
Minister of Communications.
Shri S.S. Barnala,
Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers
and Minister of Food and Consumer Affairs.
Shri Ram Jethmalani,
Minister of Urban Affairs and Employment.
Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi,
Minister of Human Resource Development,
Minister of Science and Technology and
Minister of Ocean Development.
Shri M. Thambi Durai,
Minister of Law, Justice and
Company Affairs and Minister of
Surface Transport.

Functions

- (i) To determine the guidelines/rules and terms and conditions to govern out-of-turn allotment of Government accommodation;
- ii) to decide upon allotment of Government accommodation to various categories of non-eligible persons and organisations 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 existing Central Government Offices to places outside Delhi and the location of new offices in Delhi; and
- v) to consider and decide upon 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 Economic Affairs.

Composition

Prime Minister
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 Jaswant Singh,
Minister of External Affairs and
Minister of Electronics.
Shri Jagmohan,
Minister of Communications.
Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi,
Minister of Human Resource Development,
Minister of Science and Technology and
Minister of Ocean Development.
Shri K. Ramamurthy,
Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
Shri P.R. Kumaramangalam,
Minister of Power, Minister of
Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of
Non-Conventional Energy Sources.
Shri Yashwant Sinha,
Minister of Finance.

Shri Babagouda Patil,
Minister of State (Independent charge) of the
Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment.

Special Invitees

Shri K.C. Pant,
Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.
Shri Sompal,
Minister of State in the Ministry
of Agriculture and Minister of
State in the Ministry of Water
Resources.

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 of 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.

(4) Cabinet Committee on Foreign Investment

Composition

Prime Minister.
Shri Sikander Bakht,
Minister of Industry.
Shri Jaswant Singh, Minister of External
Affairs and Minister of Electronics.
Shri Yashwant Sinha,
Minister of Finance.
Minister-incharge of the concerned
Administrative Ministry.

Functions

- i) To consider the recommendations of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board involving proposals in which the total investment in the project is above Rupees six hundred crores; and
 - ii) to consider such other proposals that may be referred to the Committee or those which may be rejected by the Minister of Industry.
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(5) Cabinet Committee on Foreign Trade.

COMPOSITION

Prime Minister.
Shri Ananth Kumar,
Minister of Civil Aviation
and Minister of Tourism.
Shri Sikander Bakht,
Minister of Industry.
Shri Ramakrishna Hegde,
Minister of Commerce.
Shri Jaswant Singh, Minister of External
Affairs and Minister of Electronics.
Shri M. Thambi Durai,
Minister of Law, Justice and Company Affairs
and Minister of Surface Transport.
Shri Suresh Prabhu,
Minister of Environment and Forests.
Shri Kashiram Rana,
Minister of Textiles.
Shri Yashwant Sinha,
Minister of Finance.

Special Invitees

Shri Sompal,
Minister of State in the Ministry of
Agriculture and Minister of State in
the Ministry of Water Resources.

FUNCTIONS

- i) To review performance with reference to annual targets for export;
- ii) to consider policy issues on matters relating to export promotion and export production; and
- iii) to consider measures necessary for accelerated export growth, including those which could not be resolved by the Export Promotion Board.

(6) Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs

Composition

- Shri P.R. Kumaramangalam,
Minister of Power, Minister of
Parliamentary Affairs and Minister
of Non-Conventional Energy Sources.
- Shri Ananth Kumar,
Minister of Civil Aviation and
Minister of Tourism.
- Shri Surjit Singh Barnala,
Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers
and Minister of Food and Consumer Affairs.
- Shri M. Thambi Durai,
Minister of Law, Justice and Company
Affairs and Minister of Surface Transport.
- Shri Pramod Mahajan,
Minister of Information and Broadcasting and
Minister of Food Processing Industries.
- Shri Nitish Kumar,
Minister of Railways.
- Shri Naveen Patnaik,
Minister of Steel and Mines.
- Shri Suresh Prabhu,
Minister of Environment and Forests.
- Shri Ram Naik,
Minister of State in the Ministry of
Railways, Minister of State in the Ministry
of Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of
State in the Ministry of Planning and
Programme Implementation.

Special Invitee

- Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar,
Minister of State in the Ministry of
Petroleum and Natural Gas 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.

(7) Cabinet Committee on Prices.

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 Jaswant Singh,
Minister of External Affairs and
Minister of Electronics.
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 K.C. Pant,
Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.
Shri Sompal,
Minister of State in the Ministry
of Agriculture and Minister of State
in the Ministry of Water Resources.

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;

- 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.

(8) Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure.

Composition

Prime Minister.

Shri Jaswant Singh,
Minister of External Affairs and
Minister of Electronics.

Shri Jagmohan,
Minister of Communications.

Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi,
Minister of Human Resource Development,
Minister of Science & Technology and
and Minister of Ocean Development.

Shri K. Ramamurthy,
Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

Shri P.R. Kumaramangalam,
Minister of Power, Minister of
Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of
Non-conventional Energy Sources.

Shri M. Thambi Durai,
Minister of Law, Justice and Company
Affairs and Minister of Surface Transport.

Shri Nitish Kumar,
Minister of Railways.

Shri Naveen Patnaik,
Minister of Steel and Mines.

Shri Suresh Prabhu,
Minister of Environment and Forests.

Shri Yashwant Sinha,
Minister of Finance.

Shri Dilip Ray,
Minister of State (Independent charge)
of the Ministry of Coal and Minister
of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary
Affairs.

Shri Ram Naik,
Minister of State in the Ministry of
Railways, Minister of State in the Ministry
of Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of
State in the Ministry of Planning and
Programme Implementation.

Special Invitee

Shri K.C. Pant,
Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.

Functions

- i) to consider and decide upon the measures - fiscal, financial and legal - required to enhance investment in the infrastructure sector, including grant of requisite approvals to facilitate private sector investment in specific projects;
- ii) to consider the perspective plans of the infrastructure sectors to meet the demands of the economy;
- iii) to monitor on continuous basis the progress in implementation of infrastructure projects costing more than Rs. 100 crores in sectors like railways, coal, steel, power, surface transport and in other sectors which may be of critical importance to the economy;
- iv) to consider factors which may be adversely affecting implementation of projects of the type indicated in (iii) above and to decide upon remedial measures; and
- v) to review and bring about improvement in procedures having a bearing on the formulation and execution of projects, including preparation of feasibility reports, sanctions, finalisation of tenders and adoption of project management systems.

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

Composition

Prime Minister.
Shri L.K. Advani,
Minister of Home Affairs.
Shri Sikander Bakht,
Minister of Industry.
Shri Jaswant Singh,
Minister of External Affairs and
Minister of Electronics.
Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya,
Minister of Labour.
Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi,
Minister of Human Resource Development,
Minister of Science and Technology and
Minister of Ocean Development.
Shri Pramod Mahajan,
Minister of Information and Broadcasting
and Minister of Food Processing Industries.
Shri Yashwant Sinha,
Minister of Finance.
Shri Dalit Ezhilmalai,
Minister of State (Independent charge)
of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Smt. Maneka Gandhi,
Minister of State (Independent charge)
of the Ministry of Social Justice
and Empowerment.
Shri Babagouda Patil,
Minister of State (Independent charge) of
the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment.
Shri Mukhtar Naqvi,
Minister of State in the Ministry of
Information and Broadcasting and Minister
of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary
Affairs.

Special Invitees

Shri K.C. Pant,
Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.
Shri Omak Apang,
Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism.
Sushree Uma Bharati,
Minister of State in the Ministry of
Human Resource Development.
Shri Babulal Marandi,
Minister of State in the Ministry of
Environment and Forests.

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; and
 - (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.
- (10) Cabinet Committee on Science and Technology.

Composition

Prime Minister.
Shri Sikander Bakht,
Minister of Industry.
Shri George Fernandes,
Minister of Defence.
Shri Jaswant Singh,
Minister of External Affairs and
Minister of Electronics.
Shri Jagmohan,
Minister of Communications.

Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi,
Minister of Human Resource Development,
Minister of Science and Technology and
Minister of Ocean Development.

Shri P.R. Kumaramangalam,
Minister of Power, Minister of
Parliamentary Affairs and Minister
of Non-conventional Energy Sources.

Shri Yashwant Sinha,
Minister of Finance.

Shri Babagouda Patil,
Minister of State (Independent charge) of
the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment.

Special Invitees

Shri K.C. Pant,
Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.

Shri Sompal,
Minister of State in the Ministry
of Agriculture and Minister of State
in the Ministry of Water Resources.

Functions

To consider all matters relating to Science and Technology and also those referred to by the Scientific Advisory Committee to the Cabinet (SAC-C)/Prime Minister/Administrative Ministries/Departments and make appropriate recommendations/decisions.

(11) Cabinet Committee on Security

Composition

Prime Minister.

Shri L.K. Advani,
Home Minister.

Shri George Fernandes,
Minister of Defence.

Shri Jaswant Singh,
Minister of External Affairs and
Minister of Electronics.

Shri Yashwant Sinha,
Minister of Finance.

Functions

To deal with defence-related issues as also any other economic or political matter impinging upon national security.

12. Cabinet Committee on Disinvestment

Composition

Prime Minister.
Shri Sikander Bakht,
Minister of Industry.
Shri Jaswant Singh,
Minister of External Affairs and
Minister of Electronics.
Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi,
Minister of Human Resource Development,
Minister of Science and Technology and
Minister of Ocean Development.
Shri Yashwant Sinha,
Minister of Finance.
Shri K.C. Pant,
Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.

The Minister of the concerned Administrative Ministry, whose proposals come up for consideration will be invited for the meetings of the Committee.

Functions

- i) To consider the advice of the Core Group of Secretaries regarding policy issues relating to the disinvestment programme;
- ii) to decide the price band for the sale of Government shares through GDR/domestic capital market route prior to the book building exercise, and to decide the final price of sale in all cases;
- iii) to decide the final pricing of the transaction and the strategic partner in case of the strategic sales;
- iv) to decide on cases where there is disagreement between the recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission and the views of the Administrative Ministry on the same; and
- v) to approve the three year rolling plan and the annual programme of disinvestment every year.

Note: Decisions with respect of (ii) above may continue to be taken by the Minister of Finance, Minister of Industry and the Minister of the Administrative Ministry, till such time this matter is further considered by the Cabinet Committee on Disinvestment.