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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 WTO matters.
- 4) Cabinet Committee on Science and Technology.

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 Parliamentary Affairs.
- 4) Cabinet Committee on Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes & Minorities.
- 5) Cabinet Committee on Security.
- 6) Cabinet Committee on Disinvestment.
- 7) Cabinet Committee on Information Technology.
- 8) Cabinet Committee on Environment.

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 CABINET COMMITTEES

(As on 21st August, 2001)

(1) Appointments Committee of the Cabinet

Composition

Prime Minister.
Shri L.K. Advani,
Minister of Home Affairs.
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

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

Shri Jagmohan,
Minister of Urban Development and
Poverty Alleviation.

Shri Arun Jaitley,
Minister of Law, Justice & Company
Affairs and Minister of Shipping.

Shri Manohar Joshi,
Minister of Heavy Industries and
Public Enterprises.

Shri Suresh Prabhu,
Minister of Power.

Shri Arjun Charan Sethi,
Minister of Water Resources.

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 L.K. Advani,
Minister of Home Affairs.
Shri Arun Jaitley,
Minister of Law, Justice & Company
Affairs and Minister of Shipping.

Shri Pramod Mahajan,
Minister of Parliamentary Affairs
and Minister of Information Technology.

Shri Murasoli Maran,
Minister of Commerce and Industry.

Shri Ram Naik,
Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu,
Minister of Rural Development.

Shri Nitish Kumar,
Minister of Railways.

Shri Suresh Prabhu,
Minister of Power.

Shri Arjun Charan Sethi,
Minister of Water Resources.

Shri Ajit Singh,
Minister of Agriculture.

Shri Yashwant Sinha,
Minister of Finance.

Shri Arun Shourie, Minister of State (Independent charge)
of the Department of Disinvestment, Minister of State
in the Ministry of Planning, Minister of State in the
Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
and Minister of State in the Department of Administrative
Reforms and Public Grievances of the Ministry of
Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

Special Invitee

Shri K.C. Pant,
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 including foreign investment, 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;
- ix) to consider and decide upon the measures - fiscal, financial, institutional and legal - required to enhance investment in the infrastructure sector, including grant of requisite approvals to facilitate private sector investment in specific projects; and
- x) to review 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 infrastructure sectors which may be of critical importance to the economy.

(4) Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs

Composition

Shri Pramod Mahajan,
Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and
Minister of Information Technology.

Shri Ananth Kumar,
Minister of Tourism and Culture.

Shri T.R. Baalu,
Minister of Environment and Forests.

Shri Arun Jaitley,
Minister of Law, Justice and Company
Affairs and Minister of Shipping.

Shri Ram Naik,
Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

Shri Nitish Kumar,
Minister of Railways.

Shri Arjun Charan Sethi,
Minister of Water Resources.

Shri Suresh Prabhu,
Minister of Power.

Smt. Sushma Swaraj,
Minister of Information and Broadcasting.

Special Invitees

Shri Santosh Gangwar,
Minister of State in the Ministry of
Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of
State in the Ministry of Parliamentary
Affairs.
Shri O. Rajagopal,
Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary
Affairs and Minister of State in the Ministry of
Railways.

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.

(5) Cabinet Committee on Prices.

Composition

Prime Minister.
Shri L.K. Advani,
Minister of Home Affairs.
Shri Murasoli Maran,
Minister of Commerce and Industry.
Shri Nitish Kumar,
Minister of Railways.
Shri Ram Vilas Paswan,
Minister of Communications.
Shri Kashiram Rana,
Minister of Textiles.
Shri Shanta Kumar,
Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and
Public Distribution.
Shri Ajit Singh,
Minister of Agriculture.
Shri Yashwant Sinha,
Minister of Finance.

Maj. Gen. (Retd.) B.C. Khanduri,
Minister of State (Independent charge) of the
Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

Special Invitee

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

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.

(6) Cabinet Committee on Scheduled Castes,
Scheduled Tribes and Minorities

Composition

Prime Minister.
Shri L.K. Advani,
Minister of Home Affairs.
Shri Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa,
Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
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 Jual Oram,
Minister of Tribal Affairs.
Shri Ram Vilas Paswan,
Minister of Communications.
Shri Arjun Charan Sethi,
Minister of Water Resources.
Shri Yashwant Sinha,
Minister of Finance.
Smt. Maneka Gandhi,
Minister of State (Independent charge) of the
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Special Invitees

Shri Syed Shahnawaz Hussain,
Minister of State (Independent charge) of the Ministry of Coal.
Shri Omar Abdullah,
Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs.

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.

(7) Cabinet Committee on Science and Technology.

Composition

Prime Minister.
Shri Manohar Joshi,
Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.
Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi,
Minister of Human Resource Development,
Minister of Science and Technology and
Minister of Ocean Development.
Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu,
Minister of Rural Development.

Shri Ram Vilas Paswan,
Minister of Communications.
Shri Suresh Prabhu,
Minister of Power.
Shri Ajit Singh,
Minister of Agriculture.
Shri Jaswant Singh,
Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Defence.
Shri Yashwant Sinha,
Minister of Finance.
Shri M. Kannappan,
Minister of State (Independent charge) of the Ministry
of Non-conventional Energy Sources.

Special Invitees

Shri K.C. Pant,
Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.
Ms. Vasundhara Raje,
Minister of State (Independent charge) of the Ministry
of Small Scale Industries and Agro & Rural Industries,
Minister of State in the Department of Personnel and
Training & Department of Pensions and Pensioners
Welfare of the Ministry of Personnel & Public
Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the
Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space.
Shri Bachi Singh Rawat,
Minister of State in the Department of Science
and Technology in the Ministry of
Science and Technology.

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.

(8) Cabinet Committee on Security

Composition

Prime Minister.
Shri L.K. Advani,
Minister of Home Affairs.
Shri Jaswant Singh,
Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Defence.
Shri Yashwant Sinha,
Minister of Finance.

Special Invitee

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

Functions

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

9. Cabinet Committee on DisinvestmentComposition

Prime Minister.

Shri Arun Jaitley,
Minister of Law, Justice & Company
Affairs and Minister of Shipping.

Shri Manohar Joshi,
Minister of Heavy Industries and
Public Enterprises.

Shri Ram Naik,
Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

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

Shri Yashwant Sinha,
Minister of Finance.

Shri Sharad Yadav,
Minister of Civil Aviation.

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

Shri Arun Shourie,
Minister of State (Independent charge) of the Department
of Disinvestment, Minister of State in the Ministry of
Planning, Minister of State in the Ministry of Statistics
and Programme Implementation and Minister of State
in the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public
Grievances of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances
and Pensions.

The Minister of the Administrative Ministry concerned with the public sector enterprise, 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 Department of Disinvestment; 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 be taken by the Minister of Finance, Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Department of Disinvestment and the Minister of the Administrative Ministry concerned with the public sector enterprise whose proposals come up for consideration.

10. Cabinet Committee on WTO Matters

Composition

Prime Minister.
 Shri L.K. Advani,
 Minister of Home Affairs.
 Shri Arun Jaitley,
 Minister of Law, Justice & Company
 Affairs and Minister of Shipping.
 Shri Murasoli Maran,
 Minister of Commerce and Industry.
 Shri Nitish Kumar,
 Minister of Railways.
 Shri Ram Vilas Paswan,
 Minister of Communications.
 Shri Kashiram Rana,
 Minister of Textiles.
 Shri Shanta Kumar,
 Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and
 Public Distribution.
 Shri Ajit Singh,
 Minister of Agriculture.
 Shri Yashwant Sinha,
 Minister of Finance.

Special Invitee

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

Functions

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

11. Cabinet Committee on Information Technology.

Composition

Shri Pramod Mahajan,
Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and
Minister of Information Technology.

Shri Arun Jaitley,
Minister of Law, Justice & Company
Affairs and Minister of Shipping.

Shri Murasoli Maran,
Minister of Commerce and Industry.

Shri Ram Vilas Paswan,
Minister of Communications.

Smt. Sushma Swaraj,
Minister of Information and Broadcasting.

[Whenever Committee considers proposals having financial implications, the Minister of Finance would also be invited to the meetings of the Committee].

Functions

- (i) To consider and decide all policy matters relating to Information technology;
- (ii) to consider and decide upon the measures - fiscal, financial and institutional - required to enhance investment in IT Sector; and
- (iii) to periodically monitor the development of the IT sector and to identify bottlenecks, if any.

12. Cabinet Committee on Environment

Composition

Prime Minister.
Shri T.R. Baalu,
Minister of Environment and Forests.

Shri Sukhdev Singh, Dhindsa,
Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

Shri Jagmohan,
Minister of Urban Development and
Poverty Alleviation.

Shri Murasoli Maran,
Minister of Commerce and Industry.

Shri Ram Naik,
Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
Shri Nitish Kumar,
Minister of Railways.
Shri Suresh Prabhu,
Minister of Power.
Shri Yashwant Sinha,
Minister of Finance.
Dr. C.P. Thakur,
Minister of Health and Family Welfare.
Maj. Gen. (Retd.) B.C. Khanduri,
Minister of State (Independent charge) of the
Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

Functions

To holistically look into all aspects relating to pollution control, environmental degradation, waste management, etc.
