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

- 1) Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.
- 2) Cabinet Committee on Accommodation.
- 3) Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs.
- 4) Cabinet Committee on Prices.
- 5) Cabinet Committee on Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes & Minorities.
- 6) Cabinet Committee on Science and Technology.
- 7) Cabinet Committee on WTO matters.
- 8) Cabinet Committee on Information Technology.
- 9) Cabinet Committee on Environment.

2. A consolidated list showing the composition and functions of all the Cabinet Committees is at Annex-1.

  
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CABINET SECRETARIAT

COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF CABINET COMMITTEES

(1) Appointments Committee of the Cabinet

Composition

Prime Minister.  
Shri L.K. Advani,  
Deputy Prime 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

Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi,  
Minister of Human Resource Development,  
Minister of Science and Technology and  
Minister of Ocean Development.  
Shri Ananth Kumar,  
Minister of Urban Development and  
Poverty Alleviation.  
Shri K. Jana Krishnamurthy,  
Minister of Law & Justice.



Shri Balasaheb Vikhe Patil,  
Minister of Heavy Industries and  
Public Enterprises.  
Shri Suresh Prabhu,  
Minister of Power.  
Shri Arjun Charan Sethi,  
Minister of Water Resources.  
Shri Jaswant Singh,  
Minister of Finance & Company Affairs.

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.

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(3) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.

Composition

Prime Minister  
Shri L.K. Advani,  
Deputy Prime Minister.  
Shri Ved Prakash Goyal,  
Minister of Shipping.  
Shri K. Jana Krishnamurthy,  
Minister of Law and Justice.



Shri Pramod Mahajan,  
Minister Parliamentary Affairs, Minister of  
Communications and Information Technology.  
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 Arjun Charan Sethi,  
Minister of Water Resources.  
Shri Shanta Kumar,  
Minister of Rural Development.  
Shri Arun Shourie,  
Minister of Disinvestment and Minister of Development  
of North Eastern Region.  
Shri Ajit Singh,  
Minister of Agriculture.  
Shri Jaswant Singh,  
Minister of Finance and Company Affairs.  
Shri Yashwant Sinha,  
Minister of External Affairs.

Special Invitees

Shri K.C. Pant,  
Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.  
Shri T.R. Baalu,  
Minister of Environment and Forests.  
Shri Jagmohan,  
Minister of Tourism and Culture.

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;

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- 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;
- 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; and
- xi) to facilitate finalization of a factual report on the accomplishments of the Central Ministries, Agencies and PSUs involved in implementation of prioritised schemes/projects for evaluation by Prime Minister.

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(4) Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs

Composition

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

Shri Ananth Kumar,  
Minister of Urban Development and  
Poverty Alleviation.

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

Shri K. Jana Krishnamurthy,  
Minister of Law & Justice.

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  
Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation.

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.

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(5) Cabinet Committee on Prices.

Composition

Prime Minister.  
Shri L.K. Advani,  
Deputy Prime Minister.  
Shri Murasoli Maran,  
Minister of Commerce and Industry.  
Shri Nitish Kumar,  
Minister of Railways.  
Shri Kashiram Rana,  
Minister of Textiles.  
Shri Ajit Singh,  
Minister of Agriculture.  
Shri Jaswant Singh,  
Minister of Finance and Company Affairs.



Shri Sharad Yadav,  
Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and  
Public Distribution.  
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,  
Deputy Prime Minister.  
Shri Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa,  
Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers.  
Shri Syed Shahnawaz Hussain,  
Minister of Civil Aviation.



Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya,  
Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment.  
Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi,  
Minister of Human Resource Development,  
Minister of Science and Technology and  
Minister of Ocean Development.  
Shri Kariya Munda,  
Minister of Agro and Rural Industries.  
Shri Jual Oram,  
Minister of Tribal Affairs.  
Shri Arjun Charan Sethi,  
Minister of Water Resources.  
Shri Jaswant Singh,  
Minister of Finance and Company Affairs.

Special Invitee

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.
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(7) Cabinet Committee on Science and Technology.

Composition

Prime Minister.  
Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi,  
Minister of Human Resource Development,  
Minister of Science and Technology and  
Minister of Ocean Development.  
Shri Pramod Mahajan,  
Minister Parliamentary Affairs, Minister of  
Communications and Information Technology.  
Shri Kariya Munda,  
Minister of Agro and Rural Industries.  
Shri Balasaheb Vikhe Patil,  
Minister of Heavy Industries and  
Public Enterprises.



Shri Suresh Prabhu,  
Minister of Power.  
Shri Shanta Kumar,  
Minister of Rural Development.  
Shri Ajit Singh,  
Minister of Agriculture.  
Shri Jaswant Singh,  
Minister of Finance and Company Affairs.  
Shri Yashwant Sinha,  
Minister of External Affairs.  
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.  
Smt. Vasundhara Raje,  
Minister of State (Independent charge) of the Ministry  
of Small Scale Industries, Minister of State in the  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions,  
Ministry of Planning, 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.

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(8) Cabinet Committee on Security

Composition

Prime Minister.  
Shri L.K. Advani,  
Deputy Prime Minister.  
Shri George Fernandes,  
Minister of Defence.  
Shri Jaswant Singh,  
Minister of Finance and Company Affairs.  
Shri Yashwant Sinha,  
Minister of External Affairs.



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 Disinvestment

Composition

Prime Minister.  
Shri L.K. Advani,  
Deputy Prime Minister.  
Shri K. Jana Krishnamurthy,  
Minister of Law and Justice.  
Shri Murasoli Maran,  
Minister of Commerce and Industry.  
Shri Ram Naik,  
Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas.  
Shri Suresh Prabhu,  
Minister of Power.  
Shri Arun Shourie,  
Minister of Disinvestment and Minister of  
Development of North Eastern Region.  
Shri Jaswant Singh,  
Minister of Finance and Company Affairs.  
Shri Yashwant Sinha,  
Minister of External Affairs.  
Shri K.C. Pant,  
Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.

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 Ministry 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 and Company Affairs, Minister of Power, Minister 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,  
Deputy Prime Minister.  
Shri K. Jana Krishnamurthy,  
Minister of Law & Justice.  
Shri Pramod Mahajan,  
Minister Parliamentary Affairs, Minister of  
Communications and Information Technology.  
Shri Murasoli Maran,  
Minister of Commerce and Industry.  
Shri Nitish Kumar,  
Minister of Railways.  
Shri Kashiram Rana,  
Minister of Textiles.  
Shri Ajit Singh,  
Minister of Agriculture.  
Shri Jaswant Singh,  
Minister of Finance and Company Affairs.  
Shri Sharad Yadav,  
Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and  
Public Distribution.



Special Invitee

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

Functions

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

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(11) Cabinet Committee on Information Technology.

Composition

Shri Pramod Mahajan,  
Minister Parliamentary Affairs, Minister of  
Communications and Information Technology.  
Shri K. Jana Krishnamurthy,  
Minister of Law & Justice.  
Shri Murasoli Maran,  
Minister of Commerce and Industry.  
Smt. Sushma Swaraj,  
Minister of Information and Broadcasting.

[Whenever Committee considers proposals having financial implications, the Minister of Finance and Company Affairs 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.
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(12) Cabinet Committee on Environment

Composition

Prime Minister.  
Shri Ananth Kumar,  
Minister of Urban Development and  
Poverty Alleviation.  
Shri T.R. Baalu,  
Minister of Environment and Forests.



Shri Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa,  
Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers.  
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 Jaswant Singh,  
Minister of Finance and Company Affairs.  
Shri Shatrughan Sinha,  
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.

(13) Cabinet Committee on Economic Reforms.

Composition

Prime Minister  
Shri L.K. Advani,  
Deputy Prime Minister.  
Shri K. Jana Krishnamurthy,  
Minister of Law & Justice.  
Shri Murasoli Maran,  
Minister of Commerce and Industry.  
Shri Shanta Kumar,  
Minister of Rural Development.  
Shri Arun Shourie,  
Minister of Disinvestment and Minister of Development  
of North Eastern Region.  
Shri Ajit Singh,  
Minister of Agriculture.  
Shri Jaswant Singh,  
Minister of Finance and Company Affairs.  
Shri Yashwant Sinha,  
Minister of External Affairs.  
Shri K.C. Pant,  
Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.



Special Invitee

Smt. Vasundhara Raje,  
Minister of State (Independent charge) of the Ministry  
of Small Scale Industries, Minister of State in the  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions,  
Ministry of Planning, Department of Atomic Energy  
and Department of Space.

Functions

- (i) to oversee, direct and facilitate policy and institutional reforms; and
- (ii) to receive and consider reports on progress of policy and institutional reforms and finalize a factual report on the accomplishments of the Central Ministries, Line Agencies, and PSUs for evaluation by the Prime Minister.