

Composition and Functions of the Cabinet Committees (as on 30.08.2011)

1) Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

Composition

Prime Minister.

Shri P. Chidambaram, 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, 1961;
- (ii) to take decisions in respect of empanelments specified in Annexure II to the First Schedule to the Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1961;
- (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 cases of extension of tenure, under the Central Staffing Scheme(s) or relevant central tenure norms, of officers belonging to the All India Services and other Group 'A' Services beyond the prescribed limits;
- (v) to decide cases relating to lateral shift of officers serving on Central deputation;
- (vi) to decide cases of premature repatriation of officers serving with the Central Government to their parent cadre or Department;
- (vii) to decide cases relating to inter-cadre deputation or transfer of All India Services Officers;
- (viii) to decide cases of extension of service beyond the age of superannuation under Fundamental Rule 56(d);
- (ix) to decide all cases of disagreement with the recommendations of the Search-cum-Selection Committee constituted in accordance with the statutory requirements or the relevant instructions of the Department of Personnel and Training in respect of officers of the rank or pay (pay band plus Grade Pay) equivalent to or higher than a Joint Secretary of the Central Government;
- (x) to consider and decide representations, appeals and memorials from officers of the rank or pay (pay band plus Grade Pay) equivalent to or higher than a Joint Secretary in the Central Government, except from those working in the cadre, against adverse remarks;
- (xi) to decide all cases of disagreement, including in the order of preference of the Public Enterprises Selection Board panel, between the administrative Ministry or Department concerned and the Public Enterprises Selection Board;

(xii) to decide all cases of inter-company transfers of Chairman, Managing Director and functional Directors of Public Sector Undertakings between holding companies and subsidiaries and within the subsidiaries including Memorandum of Understanding signing Public Sector Undertakings;

(xiii) to decide all cases relating to intra-company transfer of Managing Director and functional Directors of Public Sector Undertakings including Memorandum of Understanding signing Public Sector Undertakings; and

(xiv) to decide cases relating to employment or re-employment of any person, who has attained the age of superannuation, in any Department of the Government of India, any State-owned public corporation, company or enterprise, in a post, appointment to which requires approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

2) Cabinet Committee on Accommodation.

Composition

Shri A.K. Antony, Minister of Defence.

Shri Kamal Nath, Minister of Urban Development.

Kumari Selja, Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Minister of Culture.

Shri G.K. Vasan, Minister of Shipping.

Shri Mukul Wasnik, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Shri Salman Khursheed, Minister of Law and Justice and Minister of Minority Affairs.

Functions

(i) To determine the guidelines or rules and terms and conditions to govern out-of-turn allotment of Government accommodation;

(ii) to decide upon the allotment of Government accommodation to various categories of non-eligible persons and organisations and the 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 the existing Central Government Offices to places outside Delhi and the location of new offices in Delhi; and

(v) to consider and decide upon the 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 Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of Finance.

Shri Sharad Pawar, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Food Processing Industries.

Shri A.K. Antony, Minister of Defence.

Shri P. Chidambaram, Minister of Home Affairs.

Shri Virbhadra Singh, Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

Shri Vilasrao Deshmukh, Minister of Science and Technology and Minister of Earth Sciences.

Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, Minister of Health and Family Welfare.

Shri Sushilkumar Shinde, Minister of Power.

Shri S. Jaipal Reddy, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

Shri Kamal Nath, Minister of Urban Development.

Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of Human Resource Development and Minister of Communications and Information Technology.

Shri Anand Sharma, Minister of Commerce and Industry and Minister of Textiles.

Shri C.P. Joshi, Minister of Road Transport and Highways.

Shri Dinesh Trivedi, Minister of Railways.

Shri Jairam Ramesh, Minister of Rural Development and Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

Special Invitees

Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.

Prof. K.V. Thomas, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

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 increase in the prices of essential commodities or bulk goods under any form of formal or informal control;
- (v) to lay down priorities for public sector investment and to consider specified proposals for investment of more than rupees three hundred crore as cleared by the Public Investment Board/Expenditure Finance Committee/Expanded Board of the Railways/Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee, etc. except proposals involving setting up of new Companies, Autonomous Bodies, Institutions, special purpose vehicles, etc. or creation of posts carrying pay scale or pay band plus Grade Pay equivalent to that of a Joint Secretary to the Government of India and higher, which shall continue to be placed before the Cabinet;

- (vi) to deal with industrial licensing cases involving proposals from the Ministries for the establishment of Joint Sector Undertakings;
- (vii) to review the performance of Public Sector Enterprises and consider cases relating to their structural re-organisation or financial re-structuring;
- (viii) to review progress of activities related to rural development including those concerning small and marginal farmers;
- (ix) to facilitate finalisation of factual reports on the accomplishments of the Ministries, Agencies and Public Sector Undertakings involved in implementation of prioritised schemes or projects for evaluation by the Prime Minister;
- (x) to consider issues relating to disinvestment;
- (xi) to decide the price band and final price of sale of shares held by Government of India in all Central Public Sector Enterprises;

Note.-Decisions in respect of functions listed in sub-paragraph (xi) above may unless the composition of the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) is modified by the competent authority specified in sub-rule (4) of rule 6 of the Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1961, be taken by the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) consisting of the Minister of Finance, Minister of Home Affairs, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and the Minister-in-Charge of the administrative Ministry concerned with the public sector enterprise whose proposals come up for consideration. The composition of the EGoM shall, if modified by the competent authority, be duly notified by the Cabinet Secretariat.

- (xii) to decide the final pricing of the transaction and the strategic partner in case of the strategic sales; and
- (xiii) to consider cases of increase in the firmed up cost estimates or revised cost estimates due to reasons such as time overrun, changes in scope, under-estimation, etc. in respect of proposals that are required to be placed before the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs for which the procedure stipulated in the Second Schedule to the Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1961, in respect of similar cases will apply.

4) Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs.

Composition

Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of Finance.

Shri Sharad Pawar, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Food Processing Industries.

Shri P. Chidambaram, Minister of Home Affairs.

Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Minister of New and Renewable Energy.

Shri Vayalar Ravi, Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs and Minister of Civil Aviation.

Smt. Ambika Soni, Minister of Information and Broadcasting.
Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of Water Resources.
Shri M.K.Alagiri, Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
Shri Salman Khursheed, Minister of Law and Justice and Minister of Minority Affairs.
Shri Dinesh Trivedi, Minister of Railways.
Shri Paban Singh Ghatowar, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

Special Invitees

Shri Harish Rawat, Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture; Minister of State in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

Shri Rajeev Shukla, 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;

Note: The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, may take a decision in cases, where the recommendation of the concerned Ministry/Department is that the non-official Bill/Resolution may be opposed, or the Members may be persuaded/requested to withdraw the Bill/Resolution, failing which it may be opposed. Decisions so taken by the Minister may be placed before the Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs or if no meeting of the Committee is envisaged, within a reasonable period of time, these may be circulated to the Members of the Committee for ratification.

(iii) to review legislations undertaken by State Legislatures from an all-India point of view; and

(iv) to consider proposals to summon or prorogue the Houses of Parliament.

Note: The Committee shall, unless otherwise decided by the Cabinet Secretary, be serviced by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

5) Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs.

Composition

Prime Minister.

Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of Finance.

Shri Sharad Pawar, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Food Processing Industries.

Shri A.K. Antony, Minister of Defence.

Shri P. Chidambaram, Minister of Home Affairs.

Shri S.M. Krishna, Minister of External Affairs.

Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Minister of New and Renewable Energy.

Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of Human Resource Development and Minister of Communications and Information Technology.

Shri M.K. Alagiri, Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

Shri Dinesh Trivedi, Minister of Railways.

Functions

- (i) To deal with problems relating to Centre-State relations;
- (ii) to consider economic and political issues that have to be judged with a wider perspective; and
- (iii) to deal with policy matters concerning foreign affairs that do not have external or internal security implications.

6) Cabinet Committee on Prices.

Composition

Prime Minister.

Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of Finance.

Shri Sharad Pawar, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Food Processing Industries.

Shri P. Chidambaram, Minister of Home Affairs.

Shri S. Jaipal Reddy, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

Smt. Ambika Soni, Minister of Information and Broadcasting.

Shri Anand Sharma, Minister of Commerce and Industry and Minister of Textiles.

Shri M.K. Alagiri, Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

Shri Dinesh Trivedi, Minister of Railways.

Special Invitees

Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.

Shri Dinsha J. Patel, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Mines.

Prof. K.V. Thomas, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

Functions

- (i) To monitor the general price situation in the country and to decide upon appropriate corrective measures including measures relating to prices of essential commodities;
- (ii) to assess the internal availability of all essential and agricultural commodities and to authorise effective steps;
- (iii) to take decisions on export of all essential and agricultural commodities particularly from Food Corporation of India stocks 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 consider measures necessary for augmenting the supply of requisite commodities for stabilizing the prices including through imports; and
- (vi) to review measures regarding enforcement of the Essential Commodities Act and other related statutory provisions.

7) Cabinet Committee on Security.

Composition

Prime Minister.
Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of Finance.
Shri A.K. Antony, Minister of Defence.
Shri P. Chidambaram, Minister of Home Affairs.
Shri S.M. Krishna, Minister of External Affairs.

Functions

- (i) to deal with all Defence related issues;
- (ii) to deal with issues relating to law and order, and internal security;
- (iii) to deal with policy matters concerning foreign affairs that have internal or external security implications including cases relating to agreements with other countries on security related issues;
- (iv) to deal with economic and political issues impinging on national security;
- (v) to review the manpower requirements relating to national security including proposals concerning creation of posts carrying the pay scale or pay band plus Grade Pay equivalent to that of a Joint Secretary to the Government of India and higher, and setting up new structures to deal with security related issues;
- (vi) to consider all cases-
 - (a) involving capital expenditure of more than rupees one thousand crore-
 - (I) in respect of-
 - (A) the Department of Defence Production; and
 - (B) the Department of Defence Research and Development;
 - (II) in respect of the Services Capital Acquisition plans, schemes, projects, procurement of security related equipment, non-scaled and new items in respect of Department of Defence; and
 - (b) involving security related expenditure of more than rupees three hundred crore in respect of Departments not included in item (a),
except in cases where higher powers for disposal of cases or class of cases have been delegated to the specified authorities;
- (vii) all matters relating to atomic energy; and
- (viii) to consider cases –

(i) increase in the firmed up cost estimates or revised cost estimates of schemes, projects, acquisition, or procurement in respect of items covered by entry (vi), for reasons such as time overrun, changes in scope, or under-estimation, to the extent such increase is more than twenty per cent of the original cost estimates already approved by the competent authority;

(ii) any further increase of more than five per cent in the revised cost estimates referred to in item (i):

Provided that no case of revised cost estimate where such revised cost estimate is rupees three hundred crore or less in respect of the Departments other than those in the Ministry of Defence, and rupees one thousand crore or less in respect of the Departments in the Ministry of Defence or cases falling within the powers delegated to other authorities by the Central Government, shall be required to be brought before the Cabinet Committee on Security except in cases, where the Minister-in-charge directs the case(s) to be placed before the Committee:

Provided further that any escalation due to increase in statutory levies, exchange rate variation and price escalation envisaged within the original approved project time cycle at the time of approval by the competent authority shall be excluded for determining increase in the cost under this entry.

8) Cabinet Committee on World Trade Organisation Matters.

Composition

Prime Minister.

Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of Finance.

Shri Sharad Pawar, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Food Processing Industries.

Shri P. Chidambaram, Minister of Home Affairs.

Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of Human Resource Development and Minister of Communications and Information Technology.

Shri Anand Sharma, Minister of Commerce and Industry and Minister of Textiles.

Shri Salman Khursheed, Minister of Law and Justice and Minister of Minority Affairs.

Special Invitee

Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.

Functions

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

9) Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure.

Composition

Prime Minister.

Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of Finance.

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Shri Sharad Pawar, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Food Processing Industries.

Shri P. Chidambaram, Minister of Home Affairs.

Shri Sushilkumar Shinde, Minister of Power.

Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Minister of New and Renewable Energy.

Shri S. Jaipal Reddy, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

Shri Kamal Nath, Minister of Urban Development.

Shri Vayalar Ravi, Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs and Minister of Civil Aviation.

Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of Human Resource Development and Minister of Communications and Information Technology.

Shri C.P. Joshi, Minister of Road Transport and Highways.

Kumari Selja, Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Minister of Culture.

Shri Subodh Kant Sahay, Minister of Tourism.

Shri G.K. Vasan, Minister of Shipping.

Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of Water Resources.

Shri Shriprakash Jaiswal, Minister of Coal.

Shri Beni Prasad Verma, Minister of Steel.

Shri Dinesh Trivedi, Minister of Railways.

Special Invitees

Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.

Functions

(i) to consider and take decisions in respect of all infrastructure related proposals costing more than rupees three hundred crores specifically those concerning Energy, Railways, Roads and National Highways, Ports, Airports, Telecommunications, Information Technology, Irrigation, Housing and Urban Development with particular emphasis on rural housing and augmentation of facilities in urban slums;

(ii) to consider and decide measures; namely, 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;

(iii) to lay down annual parameters and targets for performance for all infrastructural sectors;

(iv) to review the progress of infrastructural projects; and

(v) to consider cases of increase in the firmed up cost estimates/revised cost estimates due to reasons such as time overrun, changes in scope, under-estimation, etc. in respect of proposals that are required to be placed before the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure for which the procedure stipulated in the Second Schedule to the Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1961, in respect of similar cases will apply.

10) Cabinet Committee on Unique Identification Authority of India related issues.

Composition

Prime Minister.

Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of Finance.

Shri Sharad Pawar, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Food Processing Industries.

Shri P. Chidambaram, Minister of Home Affairs.

Shri S.M. Krishna, Minister of External Affairs.

Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, Minister of Labour and Employment.

Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of Human Resource Development and Minister of Communications and Information Technology.

Kumari Selja, Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Minister of Culture.

Shri Salman Khursheed, Minister of Law and Justice and Minister of Minority Affairs.

Shri Jairam Ramesh, Minister of Rural Development and Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

Special Invitees.

Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.

Shri Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, UIDAI.

Functions

All issues relating to the Unique Identification Authority of India including its organization, plans, policies, programmes, schemes, funding and methodology to be adopted for achieving the objectives of that Authority.
