



Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC)

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India's main opposition party has called for setting up a **Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC)** to investigate claims that the Adani Group sold low-grade coal to a state-run company in Tamil Nadu, pretending it was of higher quality.

- The **JPC** is an ad-hoc Committee, established by the [Parliament](#) to conduct a thorough examination of a **specific subject** or **Bill**.
 - It consists of members from both Houses as well as from the ruling and opposition parties and is chaired by a member of the Lok Sabha (appointed by Speaker of the Lok Sabha).
 - The **Parliament** determines the composition of the JPC, and there is **no set limit** on the number of members.
 - The committee is **dissolved** after completing its term or task.
 - The committee's recommendations are **advisory** and **not mandatory** for the government to follow.
 - However, suggestions by the Select Committees and JPCs — which have a majority of MPs and heads from the ruling party — are accepted more frequently.
- The JPC has the authority to **gather evidence from experts, public bodies, associations, individuals, or interested parties** either on its own initiative or in response to their requests.
- Some of the cases in which JPC were formed include:
 - Bofors scandal (1987)
 - Harshad Mehta Stock market scam (1992)
 - Ketan Parekh share market scam (2001)
 - [National Register of Citizens \(NRC, 2016\)](#)
 - [Personal Data Protection Bill \(2019\)](#)

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