



# Select Committee Of Parliament

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## Why in News?

Recently, the formation of a **Select Committee for the [Delhi Services Bill](#)**, has sparked controversy after several **[Members of Parliament \(MPs\)](#)** claimed that their names were included without their consent.

- However, **the Delhi Services Bill** has been passed by both the houses of Parliament.

## What is a Select Committee?

- **About:**
  - Select Committees are a category of **[ad hoc or temporary committees](#)** established with the specific purpose of examining and scrutinizing particular Bills.
    - Its membership is limited to **MPs from one House**.
    - These committees are dissolved **once their designated task has been fulfilled**.
  - Although temporary, the procedures and rules governing Select Committees are **well-defined within the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament**.

Note: Committees constituted for a specific purpose, with MPs from both Houses are called Joint Parliamentary Committees (JPC).

- **Formation of Select Committees:**
  - The formation of a Select Committee can be initiated through a **motion proposed by the Minister in-charge of the Bill** or any member of the Parliament.
  - This proposal is then presented to the House for adoption. If adopted, the **Committee is formed to consider and report** on the referred Bill.
- **Selecting Members for a Select Committee:**
  - The members of a Select Committee are **specifically named in the motion that calls for the Bill to be referred** to the Committee.
    - These members are appointed by the House, and their **consent is a crucial aspect of the process**.
  - While **[Rajya Sabha](#)** rules mandate that **no member can be appointed to a Select Committee** if they are not willing to serve on it, the **rules do not explicitly require the collection of signatures for proposed members**.
- **Quorum:**
  - The composition of a Select Committee varies depending on its purpose. It operates with a **[quorum of one-third of the total number of members](#)**.
    - If there's a tie in votes, the chairman (or presiding person) has a casting vote.
- **Function:**
  - The primary duty of a Select Committee is to meticulously review the Bill, examining its clauses to ensure they **accurately reflect the intended purpose and objectives of the measure**.

- The Committee can gather information through memoranda from experts, oral evidence, and government officials.
- After evaluating the evidence, the Committee formulates its conclusions, which may involve amending clauses to align them with the Bill's intent.
  - It can also form sub-committees to address specific aspects of the Bill.
- The committee's report, including any dissenting opinions, is presented to the House.
  - The reports of the Select Committee are **recommendatory in nature. The government can choose to accept or reject the committee's recommendations.**

### UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Questions (PYQs)

**Q. With reference to the Parliament of India, which of the following Parliamentary Committees scrutinizes and reports to the House whether the powers to make regulations, rules, sub-rules, by-laws, etc., conferred by the Constitution or delegated by the Parliament are being properly exercised by the Executive within the scope of such delegation? (2018)**

- (a) Committee on Government Assurances
- (b) Committee on Subordinate Legislation
- (c) Rules Committee
- (d) Business Advisory Committee

**Ans: (b)**

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