



Consultative Committee

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Why in News

The meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Members of Parliament for the Ministry of Steel was held on 24th February 2020.

Key Points

Formation

- These committees are **constituted by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs**.
- These are normally constituted after the new Lok Sabha is constituted.
- This implies that these committees stand dissolved upon dissolution of every Lok Sabha and thus, are reconstituted upon the constitution of each Lok Sabha.

Composition

- The guidelines regarding the composition, functions and procedures of these committees are formulated by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
- These consist of **members of both the Houses of Parliament**.
- However, the membership of these committees is voluntary and is left to the choice of the members and the leaders of their parties.
- The **maximum membership of a committee is 30** and the **minimum is 10**.

Functions

- These committees are **attached to various ministries/departments of the Central Government**.
- The **Minister/Minister of State in charge of the Ministry concerned acts as the chairman** of the consultative committee of that ministry.
- These provide a forum for informal discussions between the ministers and the members of Parliament on policies and programmes of the government and the manner of their implementation.

- The Consultative Committees are not Parliamentary Committees. A parliamentary committee:
 - Is appointed or elected by the House or nominated by the Speaker/Chairman.
 - Works under the direction of the Speaker/Chairman.
 - Presents its report to the House or to the Speaker/Chairman.
 - Has a secretariat provided by the Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha.

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