



## National Security Council

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### Why in News

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Amid the **Pegasus Controversy**, it was reported that the Union Government's **expenditure on the National Security Council secretariat (NSCS) increased ten fold in 2017-18** to Rs 333 crores from Rs 33 cr. in 2016-17.

### Key Points

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- **About:**
  - NSC of India is a **three-tiered organization** that oversees political, economic, energy and security issues of strategic concern.
  - The **National Security Advisor (NSA)** presides over the NSC, and is also the primary advisor to the prime minister. The current National Security Advisor is Ajit Doval.
- **Formation:**

It was formed in 1998, where all aspects of national security are deliberated upon.
- **Three tier Structure:**

NSC comprises the three tier structure- Strategic Policy Group (SPG), the National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) and the National Security Council Secretariat.

  - The SPG chaired by the Cabinet Secretary is the principal forum for inter-ministerial coordination and integration of the relevant inputs.
  - The NSAB undertakes long-term analysis and provides perspectives on issues of national security.
- **Function:**

It operates within the executive office of the prime minister of India, liaising between the government's executive branch and the intelligence services, advising leadership on intelligence and security issues.

- **Members:**

The Ministers of Home Affairs, Defence, External Affairs and Finance are its members.

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