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II SEMESTER

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

UNIT IV

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

Constitution

The Committee on Public Undertakings is a Parliamentary Committee consisting of **22 Members, 15 of whom are elected by the Lok Sabha every year from amongst its Members and seven Members to be nominated by Rajya Sabha for being associated with the Committee.**

The Chairman is appointed by the Speaker from amongst the Members of the Committee.

A Minister is not eligible to become a Member of the Committee. If a Member after his election to the Committee is appointed a Minister, he ceases to be a Member of the Committee from the date of such appointment.

The term of the Committee does not exceed one year.

Functions

The functions of the Committee on Public Undertakings are :-

- (a) to examine the reports and accounts of Public Sector Undertakings.
- (b) to examine the reports, if any, of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Public Sector Undertakings
- (c) to examine, in the context of the autonomy and efficiency of the Public Undertakings whether the affairs of the Public Undertakings are being managed in accordance with sound business principles and prudent commercial practices ; and
- (d) to exercise such other functions vested in the Public Accounts Committee and the Estimates Committee in relation to the Public Undertakings as are not covered by clauses (a), (b) and (c) above and as may be allotted to the Committee by the Speaker from time to time.

The observations/recommendations of the Committee are embodied in their reports which are presented to Parliament. After a Report has been presented to the House, the Ministry or Undertaking concerned is required to take action on various recommendations and conclusions contained in the Report. The replies of the Government are examined by an Action Taken Sub-Committee/Committee and an Action Taken Report is presented to the House.

Achievements

The Committee since inception have presented 664 reports till date. Of these 303 are Original Reports, and 307 are reports on Action Taken by the Government on Original Reports of the Committee. Out of 303 Original Reports, 38 are in the nature of Horizontal Studies on various aspects of working of the public undertakings.

Reference:

http://loksabhaph.nic.in/Committee/CommitteeInformation.aspx?comm_code=27&tab=0