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NOTIFICATION

Sub: Constitution of Standing Committee of
the Inter-State Council

Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State relations had, among other things, recommended that the Inter-State Council should consist of a General Body assisted by a smaller Standing Committee. The Inter-State Council, at its second meeting, held on 15.10.96, also recommended that there should be a Standing Committee of the Council for continuous consultation and processing of matters for the consideration of the Council.

2. The Standing Committee of the Inter-State Council is accordingly constituted comprising the following members:


1. Shri Indrajit Gupta, Minister of Home Affairs -
Chairman
2. Shri P. Chidambaram, Minister of Finance
3. Shri Murasoli Maran, Minister of Industry
4. Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav, Minister of Defence
5. Shri S.R. Bommai, Minister of Human Resource
Development
6. Shri J.B. Patnaik, Chief Minister, Orissa
7. Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Chief Minister,
Rajasthan
8. Shri Jyoti Basu, Chief Minister, West Bengal
9. Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister, Andhra
Pradesh
10. Shri Manohar Joshi, Chief Minister, Maharashtra
11. Shri P.K. Mahanta, Chief Minister, Assam

3. The Standing Committee will:-
(i) have continuous consultation and process matters
for consideration of the Council.

- (ii) review and update the recommendations of Sarkaria Commission especially the vital question of devolution of financial powers from the Central Government to State Governments.
- (iii) examine the changes required in Article 356 of the Constitution.
- (iv) consider the current views of the State Governments on 179 recommendations on which there was a consensus in the Sub-committee and also the 12 items on which there was no consensus.
- (v) process all matters pertaining to Centre-State relations before they are taken up for consideration in the Inter-State Council.
- (vi) monitor the implementation of decisions taken on the recommendations of the Council and
- (vii) consider any other matter referred to it by the Chairman/Council.

4. The Standing Committee will submit its report on items (ii) and (iii) mentioned above within three months.

5. The Standing Committee may, if necessary, invite experts and persons eminent in specific fields to have the benefit of their views while deliberating upon the related subjects.


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7. Administrators of the Union Territories of Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu & Lakshadweep.

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