

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE (GPC)

Origin and Scope

The GPC was for the first time constituted by the Hon'ble Speaker on the 26th November, 1954 with the object that the Speaker may take into confidence and have informal consultations with the representatives of the various Parties and Groups in the House in regard to various directions in which the work of the House may be improved and organized on better lines so that in all such matters the Speaker may be able to proceed with their full support, in other words, with the cooperation of the whole House.

Constitution

The Committee consists of the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, members of the Panel of Chairpersons, Chairpersons of all Standing Parliamentary Committees of Lok Sabha and Leaders of recognized Parties and Groups in the House and such other members as may be nominated by the Speaker. Hon'ble Speaker is the *ex-officio* Chairperson of the Committee.

Functions

The General Purposes Committee consider on such matters concerning the affairs of the House, as may be referred to it by the Speaker from time to time.