

LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT

A. Library Committee- An Introduction

1. Founded in 1921, the Parliament Library caters to the information needs of members of both the Houses of Parliament. With a view to advise the Speaker on matters concerning the development of Library, an advisory Committee called the Library Committee is constituted every year. The Committee was first constituted by an announcement made by the Speaker in the Provisional Parliament on 21 November 1950.

2. The Library Committee is constituted every year as per provisions laid down in the Appendix II of the "*Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha*".

3. The Committee, at present, consists of six members from the Lok Sabha nominated by the Speaker and three members from the Rajya Sabha nominated by the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. The Chairperson of the Committee is appointed by the Speaker from amongst members of the Committee; provided that the Deputy Speaker, in case is a member of the Committee, shall be appointed as Chairman of the Committee. Casual vacancies in the Committee are filled by nomination by the Speaker in respect of the members from Lok Sabha, and by the Chairman of Rajya Sabha in respect of the members from Rajya Sabha.

4. The functions of the Committee are:-

- (i) to consider and advise on such matters concerning the Library as may be referred to it by the Speaker from time to time;
- (ii) to consider suggestions for the improvement of the Library; and
- (iii) to assist members of Parliament in fully utilizing the services provided by the Library.

5. The main function of the Committee is to help Members in the use of the material available in the Library and make use of the services of the staff provided therein. The Committee in a way acts as a liaison between the members of Parliament and the Library. It also encourages Members to make helpful and constructive suggestions for the development of the Library and its Reference Service. It advises the Speaker on matters pertaining to the Library, e.g., Selection of books, Framing of rules, Future planning, etc.

6. The sittings of the Library Committee are held as and when necessary. Minutes of the sittings are bound and kept but the Committee does not as such present any report to the Houses or the Speaker.

B. Composition of the present Library Committee¹

The following Members have been nominated to the Library Committee (2020-2021).

Lok Sabha

1. Shri Nama Nageshwara Rao – *Chairperson*
2. Dr. Venkata Satyavathi Beesetti
3. Shri Jashvantsinh Sumanbhai Bhabhor
4. Shri Hibi Eden
5. Shri Hasnain Masoodi
6. Shri Asaduddin Owaisi

Rajya Sabha

1. Shri Mahesh Jethmalani
2. Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy
3. Shri Vivek Thakur

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