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# Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC)

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## Why in news?

The recent row over the *Hindenburg report* on allegations against the SEBI chief has attracted demand from the opposition for an *inquiry by a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC)*.

## About Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC):

The JPC is an *ad-hoc Committee*, established by the Parliament to conduct a thorough examination of a specific subject or Bill.

It consists of *members from both Houses as well as from the ruling and opposition parties* and is

*Chaired by a member of the Lok Sabha* (appointed by Speaker of the Lok Sabha).

The *Parliament determines the composition* of the JPC, and *there is no set limit on the number of members*.

The committee is dissolved after completing its term or task.

The *committee's recommendations are advisory and not mandatory* for the government to follow.

A JPC can obtain evidence of experts, public bodies, associations, individuals or interested parties suo motu or on requests made by them.

If a *witness fails to appear* before a JPC in response to summons, his conduct constitutes *a contempt of the House*.

The Joint Parliamentary Committees are formed till date include the following cases:

1 Bofors scandal (1987)

2 Harshad Mehta Stock market scam (1992)

3 Ketan Parekh share market scam (2001)

4 Soft drink pesticide issue (2003)

5 2G spectrum case (2011)

6 VVIP Chopper scam (2013)

7 Land Acquisition (2015)

8 NRC (2016)

9 Personal Data Protection Bill (2019)

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