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Setting Up of National Security Commission (Important) (Download PDF)

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Government has set up National Security Commission for going into all high-level appointments in the Central and State forces and ensuring transparency and rationale in them. Prior to the formation of the NSC, these activities were overseen by the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister.

Image of Seven Directives of Supreme Court

Committee on National Security and Central Police Personnel Welfare (CNS & CPPW) has been constituted:

- for recommending the names of IPS officers to the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet
- for appointment at the level of Director General at the centre

All appointments of Director General in CAPFs are to be done based on recommendations of the said Committee.

Who Are the Members of the Committee?

- Union Home Minister- Chairman
- National Security Adviser- Member
- Cabinet Secretary- Member
- Union Home Secretary- Member
- Director, Intelligence Bureau- Member

Criteria for Suggesting Officers for Chief of Central Armed Police (CAPFs)?

- Seniority
- Service profile
- Suitability
- Availability of the officers
- looking to the tenure of officers for the post

Challenges for Commission

- Police is a State subject according to the seventh schedule to the Constitution of India. It is primarily the State Government, which will have to implement various police reforms measures.
- The Centre has been consistently persuading the States from time to time to bring the requisite reforms in the Police administration to meet the expectations of the people.

Background

- India's first woman IPS officer, Kiran Bedi had in 2005 demanded appointment of a National Security Commission, for going into all high-level appointments in the Central and State forces and ensuring transparency and rationale in them.
- The above was directed by Supreme Court of India in September 2005.

National Security Council (NSC) Is Distinct from National Security Commission

- The National Security Council (NSC) is an executive government agency tasked with advising the Prime Minister's Office on matters of national security and strategic interest.