

**IMPORTANT COMMITTEES OF PRESIDING OFFICERS CONSTITUTED BY THE CONFERENCES OF PRESIDING OFFICERS OF LEGISLATIVE BODIES IN INDIA**

1. **THE COMMITTEE OF SPEAKERS ON THE “PROCEDURE TO BE ADOPTED WHEN A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT OR A STATE LEGISLATURE COMMITTS A BREACH OF PRIVILEGE IN RESPECT OF THE OTHER HOUSE OR ANOTHER LEGISLATURE OR ITS MEMBERS OR COMMITTEES THEREOF”**

(Constituted by the Conference held in Shillong in November, 1955)

Chairman: Shri D.K. Kunte, Speaker, Bombay Legislative Assembly

- Report presented at the Conference held in Madras in September, 1956.

2. **THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS ON THE “FORMATION OF THE INTER-LEGISLATURE ASSOCIATION”**

(Constituted by the Conference held in Madras in September, 1956)

Chairman: Sardar Hukam Singh, Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha

- Report presented at the Conference held in Jaipur in October, 1957.

3. **THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS ON “THE PROPOSED INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE AND THE EXTENT OF INDEPENDENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURE SECRETARIATS FROM THE EXECUTIVE”**

(Constituted by the Conference held in Bombay in January, 1965)

Chairman: Shri Kunji Lal Dubey, Speaker, Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha

- Report presented at the Conference held in New Delhi in October, 1966.

4. **THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS ON:**

- (i) **What conventions, traditions and other procedural devices are required to be adopted or evolved to enable the Parliament Legislatures to function effectively and meet the new challenging situations witnessed in the country?**
- (ii) **What is the exact scope of the rule of sub judice, namely, that a matter whilst under adjudication by a Court of Law, should not be brought before the House by a motion or otherwise (except by means of a Bill) in relation to parliamentary proceedings?**
- (iii) **The extent of independence of State Legislature Secretariat from the Executive.**
- (iv) **The proposed Indian Parliamentary Service.**

(Constituted by the Conference held in New Delhi in October, 1967)

Chairman: Shri V.S. Page, Chairman, Maharashtra Legislative Council. (Elected to the Chair on 25.5.1968 vice Shri B. Vaikunta Baliga, Speaker, Mysore Legislative Assembly, who was the Chairman but could not attend the meetings owing to illness)

- Report presented at the Conference held in Trivandrum in October, 1968.

**5. THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS ON:**

- (i) **Draft Rules prepared in pursuance of the Decisions taken at the Emergent Conference of Presiding Officers held in New Delhi in April, 1968.**
- (ii) **Implications of the Judgement dated 30.7.1968 of the Supreme Court relating to the Punjab Appropriation Act, etc., insofar as the Presiding Officers and Legislatures are concerned.**
- (iii) **Unfinished work of the previous Committee of Presiding Officers (Page Committee). (Constituted by the Conference held in Trivandrum in October, 1968)**

Chairman: Shri Raghavji Leuva, Speaker, Gujarat Legislative Assembly (Initially, the Committee was headed by Shri B.V. Subba Reddy, Speaker, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly).

- Report presented at the Conference held in Gandhinagar in December, 1973.

**6. THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS ON "FUTURE PATTERN OF CONFERENCE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS"**

(Constituted by the Conference held in Bhopal in October, 1971)

Chairman: Shri Raghavji Leuva, Speaker, Gujarat Legislative Assembly

- Report presented at the Conference held in Gandhinagar in December, 1973.

**7. THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS ON "COMMITTEE SYSTEM"**

(Constituted by the Conference held in Bhubaneswar in January, 1978)

Chairman: Dr. M. Thambi Durai, Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha (Initially the Committee was headed by Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha. He was succeeded by Shri G. Lakshmanan, Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha)

- Report presented at the Conference held in Lucknow in October, 1985.

**8. THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS ON "NEED FOR A UNIFORM SET OF RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN ALL THE LEGISLATURES IN THE COUNTRY"**

(Constituted by the Conference held in Bombay in January, 1984)

Chairman: Dr. M. Thambi Durai, Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha (Initially, the Committee was headed by Shri G. Lakshmanan, Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha)

- Report presented at the Conference held in Srinagar in September, 1987.

**9. THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS ON "ALL INDIA PRESIDING OFFICERS FORUM"**

(Constituted by the Conference held in Calcutta in October, 1984)

Chairman: Dr. M. Thambi Durai, Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha

- Report presented at the Conference held in Dispur in January, 1989.

**10. THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS ON “ALL INDIA PRESIDING OFFICERS FORUM”**

(Constituted by the Conference held in Dispur in January, 1989)

Chairman: Shri Natwarlal C. Shah, Speaker, Gujarat Legislative Assembly

- Report (Part-I) presented at the Conference held in Bhopal on September, 1989.

**11. THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS ON “MEASURES TO PROMOTE HARMONIOUS RELATIONS BETWEEN THE LEGISLATURE AND THE JUDICIARY”**

(Constituted by the Conference held in Madras in June, 1993)

Chairman: Shri Hashim Abdul Halim, Speaker, West Bengal Legislative Assembly

- Report presented at the Conference held in Bhubaneswar in February, 1994.

**12. THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS ON “PROCEDURAL UNIFORMITY AND BETTER MANAGEMENT OF THE TIME OF THE HOUSE”.**

(Constituted by the Conference held in New Delhi in September, 1998)

Chairman: Prof. Narayan S. Pharande, Chairman, Maharashtra Legislative Council

- Report presented at the Conference held in Chandigarh in June, 2001.

**13. THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS ON “TELECASTING OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF LEGISLATURES”**

(Constituted by the Conference held in New Delhi in October, 1996)

Chairman: Shri Hashim Abdul Halim, Speaker, West Bengal Legislative Assembly (Initially, the Committee was headed by Shri P.A. Sangma, Speaker, Lok Sabha. Later, Shri G.M.C. Balayogi, Speaker, Lok Sabha and Smt. K. Pratibha Bharathi, Speaker, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly took over as the Chairmen / Chairperson).

- Report presented at the Conference held in Kolkata in October, 2004.

**14. THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS TO “REVIEW THE ANTI-DEFECTION LAW”**

(Constituted by the Conference held in New Delhi in September, 1998)

Chairman: Shri Hashim Abdul Halim, Speaker, West Bengal Legislative Assembly

- Report presented at the Conference held in Mumbai in February, 2003.

**15. THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS “TO GO INTO DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE FUTURE PATTERN INCLUDING FUNDING OF THE CONFERENCE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS”**

(Constituted by the Conference held in Hyderabad in May, 2000)

Chairman: Smt. Sumitra Singh, Speaker, Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha (Initially the Committee was headed by Shri Dhirubhai Shah, Speaker, Gujarat Legislative Assembly)

- Report presented at the Conference held in Chandigarh in September, 2008.

**16. THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS ON “REGULATION OF ZERO HOUR”**

(Constituted by the Conference held in Mumbai in February, 2003)

Chairman: Shri Srinivas Tiwari, Speaker, Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha

- Report presented at the Conference held in Kolkata in October, 2004.

**17. THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS TO “ENSURING EXECUTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE EXECUTIVE”**

(Constituted by the Conference held in New Delhi in July, 2005)

Chairman: Shri Kariya Munda, Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha

- Report presented at the Conference held in Jaipur in September, 2011.

**18. THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS “TO EVALUATE THE USE OF COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (C&IT) IN THE FUNCTIONING OF LEGISLATURES AND SUGGEST WAY FORWARD”**

(Constituted by Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha in New Delhi in October, 2019 following meeting of the Presiding Officers of Legislative Bodies in India on 28 August, 2019)

Chairman: Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami, Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly

The Committee has submitted its Report to Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha for approval before the same is presented to All India Presiding Officers’ Conference for adoption.

**19. THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS “TO EXAMINE THE MATTER OF FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE OF LEGISLATURE SECRETARIATS”**

(Constituted by Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha in New Delhi in October, 2019 following meeting of the Presiding Officers of Legislative Bodies in India on 28 August, 2019)

Chairman: Dr. C.P. Joshi, Speaker, Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha

The Committee is seized of the matter.

**20. THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS “TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER OF SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF THE HOUSE”**

(Constituted by Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha in New Delhi in October, 2019 following meeting of the Presiding Officers of Legislative Bodies in India on 28 August, 2019)

Chairman: Shri Hriday Narayan Dikshit, Speaker, Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha

The Committee is seized of the matter.

**21. THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS “TO REVIEW THE POWERS OF PRESIDING OFFICERS UNDER THE TENTH SCHEDULE OF THE CONSTITUTION AND THE RULES MADE THEREUNDER”**

(Constituted by Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha in New Delhi in January, 2020 following the 79<sup>th</sup> Conference of Presiding Officers held in Dehradun in December, 2019)

Chairman: Dr. C.P. Joshi, Speaker, Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha

The Committee is seized of the matter.

**COMMITTEES THAT HAD NOT SUBMITTED REPORTS AND THAT ARE NO LONGER EXISTING:**

**1. THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS TO LOOK INTO “ALL ASPECTS OF THE OFFICE OF PRESIDING OFFICER”**

(Constituted by the Conference held in Hyderabad in May, 2000)

Chairman: Dr. M. Thambi Durai, Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha (Initially the Committee was headed by Shri P.M. Sayeed, Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha and Shri Kariya Munda, Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha)

**2. THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDING OFFICERS TO “LOOK INTO THE PROBLEM OF DISRUPTIONS OF QUESTION HOUR”.**

(Constituted by the Conference held in Srinagar in June, 2010)

Chairman: Prof. P.J. Kurien, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha (Initially the Committee was headed by Shri K. Rahman Khan, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha)