Consultative committees are attached to various ministries / departments of the Central Government.

They consist of members of both the Houses of Parliament.

The Minister / Minister of State in charge of the Ministry concerned acts as the chairman of the consultative committee of that ministry.

These committees are constituted by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

These committees provide a forum for informal discussions between the ministers and the members of Parliament on policies and programmes.

The maximum membership of a committee is 30 and the minimum is 10.

These committees shall stand dissolved upon dissolution of every Lok Sabha and shall be reconstituted upon constitution of each Lok Sabha.

In addition, separate Informal Consultative Committees of the members of Parliament are also constituted for all the Railway Zones.

Unlike the Consultative Committees attached to various ministries / departments, the meetings of the Informal Consultative Committees are to be arranged during the session periods only.

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES