Committee on Ethics and Privileges

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This committee has lapsed.
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Committee Reports

The Committee on Ethics and Privileges consists of not more than ten Members nominated by the Committee of Selection.

The functions of the Committee on Ethics and Privileges are -

(a) to examine every question of Privilege and matters relating to the breach of rules of conduct and etiquette that may be referred to it on motion moved and approved by Parliament; and

(b) to determine with reference to the facts of each case whether a breach of Privilege on the rules of conduct and etiquette has been committed and if so, the nature of the breach, the circumstances leading to such breach and its recommendations as the Committee may deem fit.

The report of the Committee on each question referred to it shall be presented to Parliament not later than six weeks. The Committee shall have the power to summon persons and call for documents and other records and to do other acts as are necessary for the examination of the matters so referred to it.

The Committee shall also examine any matter referred to it in relation to a violation or non-adherence of the rules of the Code of Conduct of the Members of Parliament. Every Member shall co-operate, at all stages, with any such examination by or under the authority of the Parliament. No Member shall lobby a Member of the Committee on Ethics and Privileges in a manner calculated or intended to influence its consideration of an alleged breach of the rules of Code of Conduct.

In the performance of its duties the Committee may obtain the services of experts, call for documents and summon and examine witnesses.

The Parliament may consider conclusions and recommendations made in the report of the Committee on Ethics and Privileges and may impose sanctions on Members concerned where it deems necessary.

The Committee may, from time to time, make rules to regulate its procedure.

The Chair of the Committee may issue such directions as the Chair may consider necessary for

regulating the procedure in respect of all matters connected with the examination of cases with reference to ethical and other misconduct of Members.

[Refer to Standing Order No. 118]