

Inter-state council meeting

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Inter State Council Meeting was held in Bhopal under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister

One of the important recommendations of **Sarkaria Commission** was for establishing a **permanent Inter-State Council** as an independent national forum for consultation with a mandate well defined in accordance with **Article 263** of the Constitution of India.

The inter-state council is a **recommendatory body** that has been empowered to investigate and discuss subjects of common interest between the Union and state(s), or among states.

It also makes recommendations for better coordination of policy and action on these subjects, and deliberations on matters of general interest to the states, which may be referred to it by its chairman.

It also deliberates on other matters of general interest to the states as may be referred by the chairman to the council.

The Council may meet at least thrice in a year.

<u>Composition</u>: Prime Minister Chairman, Chief Ministers of all States Members, Chief Ministers of Union Territories having a Legislative Assembly and Administrators of UTs not having a Legislative Assembly and Governors of States under President's Rule (Governor's Rule in the case of J&K) Members, Six Ministers of Cabinet rank in the Union Council of Ministers to be nominated by the Prime Minister Members.

Inter-state council is created a strong institutional framework to promote and support cooperative federalism in the country and activate the council and zonal councils by organising regular meetings.